



Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary meeting of Southland District Council will be held on:

Date: Wednesday, 27 April 2022
Time: 9am
Meeting room: Council chamber, level 2, 20 Don Street,
Venue: Invercargill

Council Agenda OPEN

MEMBERSHIP

Mayor
Deputy Mayor
Councillors

Mayor Gary Tong
Ebel Kremer
Don Byars
John Douglas
Paul Duffy
Bruce Ford
Darren Frazer
George Harpur
Julie Keast
Christine Menzies
Karyn Owen
Margie Ruddenklau
Rob Scott

IN ATTENDANCE

Chief executive
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1 Apologies

At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.

2 Leave of absence

At the close of the agenda no requests for leave of absence had been received.

3 Conflict of Interest

Councillors are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arises between their role as a councillor and any private or other external interest they might have.

4 Public Forum

Notification to speak is required by 12noon at least one clear day before the meeting. Further information is available on www.southlanddc.govt.nz or phoning 0800 732 732.

5 Extraordinary/Urgent Items

To consider, and if thought fit, to pass a resolution to permit the Council to consider any further items which do not appear on the Agenda of this meeting and/or the meeting to be held with the public excluded.

Such resolution is required to be made pursuant to Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, and the Chairperson must advise:

- (i) The reason why the item was not on the Agenda, and
- (ii) The reason why the discussion of this item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

Section 46A(7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

"Where an item is not on the agenda for a meeting, -

- (a) that item may be discussed at that meeting if-
 - (i) that item is a minor matter relating to the general business of the local authority; and
 - (ii) the presiding member explains at the beginning of the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public, that the item will be discussed at the meeting; but
- (b) no resolution, decision or recommendation may be made in respect of that item except to refer that item to a subsequent meeting of the local authority for further **discussion."**

6 Confirmation of Council Minutes

6.1 Meeting minutes of Council, 29 March 2022



Council

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Council held as a Virtual meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, 29 March 2022 at 9.02am. (9.02am – 10.35am, 11am – 11.38am)

PRESENT

Mayor	Mayor Gary Tong
Deputy Mayor	Ebel Kremer
Councillors	Don Byars (9.20am – 10.06am, 10.10am – 10.35am, 11am – 11.38am)
	John Douglas
	Paul Duffy (9.04am – 10.34am)
	Bruce Ford
	Darren Frazer
	George Harpur (9.02am – 10.35am, 11.04am – 11.38am)
	Julie Keast
	Christine Menzies
	Karyn Owen
	Margie Ruddenklau (9.02am – 9.25am, 9.31am – 10.35am, 11am – 11.38am)
	Rob Scott

IN ATTENDANCE

Chief executive	Cameron McIntosh
Committee advisor	Fiona Dunlop

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Leave of absence

There were no requests for leave of absence.

3 Conflict of Interest

See Item 8.2 - Curio Bay wastewater treatment plant - funding approach for a conflict of interest declaration from Councillor Duffy.

(Councillor Duffy joined the meeting at 9.04am.)

4 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

5 Extraordinary/Urgent Items

There were no Extraordinary/Urgent items.

6 Confirmation of Council Minutes

Resolution

Moved Mayor Tong, seconded Cr Douglas and resolved:

That the minutes of the meetings held on 25 January 2022 and 22 February 2022 be taken as a true and correct record of those meeting.

Reports - Policy and Strategy

7.1 Around the Mountains Cycle Trail Trust - Update

Record No: R/22/3/10847

Nic Wills – Chair of the Around the Mountains Cycle Trail Trust was present to update **Council on the Trust's activities.**

(During the presentation Councillor Byars joined the meeting at 9.20am.)

(During the presentation Councillor Ruddenklau left the meeting at 9.25am.)

Resolution

Moved Mayor Tong, seconded Cr Douglas and resolved:

That the Council:

- a) **receives the report titled “Around the Mountains Cycle Trail Trust - Update”** dated 21 March 2022.
- b) agrees to thank the Trust for their update.

7.2 Progress report on Annual Plan 2022/2023

Record No: R/22/3/7756

Corporate performance lead – Jason Domigan was in attendance for this item.

Mr Domigan advised that the purpose of the report was for Council to agree to proceed with the 2022/2023 Annual Plan without undertaking formal consultation based on information provided within the report.

Council noted that the Finance and Assurance Committee at its meeting on 11 February 2022 endorsed the project plan for the Annual Plan 2022/23. At the meeting the Committee also resolved to recommend to Council that formal consultation on the Annual Plan not be undertaken due to no significant or material differences from year two of the 2021/2031 Long Term Plan being indicated at that time and for Annual Plan information be communicated to the community through First Edition.

(During discussion on the item, Councillor Ruddenklau returned to the meeting at 9.31am.)

Resolution

Moved Mayor Tong, seconded Cr Ford and resolved:

That the Council:

- a) **Receives the report titled “Progress report on Annual Plan 2022/2023” dated** 23 March 2022.
- b) Determines that this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- c) Determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with Section 79 of the act determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.

- d) Agrees to the updated Annual Plan 2022/2023 project plan as follows:

KEY MILESTONE	DATE
MARCH	
Finance and Assurance Committee meeting - forecasting approvals	28 March 2022
Council meeting - progress report on the Annual Plan (including proposed consultation approach and updated timetable) - forecasting approvals	29 March 2022
Press release regarding Annual Plan process	29 March 2022
APRIL	
Communication plan - Annual Plan updates information via First Edition - any other platforms (eg website, Facebook etc)	April 2022
JUNE	
Finance and Assurance meeting to recommend adoption of Annual Plan - includes final draft annual plan	8 June 2022
Council meeting - adoption Annual Plan	21 June 2022
Website version available	22 June 2022
JULY - AUGUST	
Rates notices go out	July 2022
Annual Plan information via First Edition	August 2022

- e) Notes that on 11 February 2022, the Finance and Assurance Committee recommended to Council that formal consultation on the Annual Plan not be undertaken due to no significant or material differences from year two of the 2021/2031 Long Term Plan and for Annual Plan information be communicated to the community through First Edition.
- f) Agrees that formal consultation on the Annual Plan not be undertaken due to no significant or material differences from year two of the Long Term Plan 2021-2031.
- g) Requests that staff communicate Annual Plan information through the April **and August 2022 editions of Council's publication First Edition in addition to** its normal channels.

7.3 Fund Manager Appointment Process

Record No: R/22/3/11178

Chief financial officer – Anne Robson was in attendance for this item.

Miss Robson advised that the purpose of the report was for Council to consider and agree the shortlisted managed balanced funds to be sent requests for proposal and to consider and agree the next steps in the appointment of a fund manager.

Resolution

Moved Mayor Tong, seconded Cr Keast and resolved:

That the Council:

- a) **receives the report titled “Fund Manager Appointment Process” dated 23 March 2022.**
- b) determines that this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- c) determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with Section 79 of the act determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.
- d) Agrees to PwC sending request for proposal letters to the following fund managers:
 - Milford Balanced
 - ANZ Investment Funds – Balanced Growth
 - AMP Capital Ethical Leaders Balanced
 - ASB Investment Funds – Balanced
 - Westpac Active Balanced Trust
 - Quaystreet Unit Trusts - Balanced
- e) Agrees that PwC evaluate the request for proposals received in order to recommend to Council the top four fund managers, in doing so it requests PwC to use best practice weighted evaluation criteria in order to complete this analysis
- f) Agrees that the top four fund managers from the evaluation process be asked to present to the Finance and Assurance committee at its next meeting, leading to a recommendation by the Finance and Assurance committee to Council of its recommended fund manager(s).

Councillor Byars requested that his dissenting vote be recorded.

(Councillor Byars left the meeting at 10.06am.)

Reports - Operational Matters

8.1 Coastguard building on recreation reserve, Riverton

Record No: R/22/3/6986

Property advisor – Theresa Cavanagh was in attendance for this item.

Ms Cavanagh advised that the purpose of the report was to provide consent, under delegated authority from the Minister of Conservation, to the issuing of a lease to Riverton Coast Guard Incorporated for buildings (existing and proposed) on Taramea Bay Recreation Reserve.

Resolution

Moved Mayor Tong, seconded Cr Scott and resolved:

That the Council:

- a) **Receives the report titled “Coastguard building on recreation reserve, Riverton”** dated 23 March 2022.
- b) Determines that this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- c) Determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with Section 79 of the act determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.
- d) Agrees that pursuant to Section 73(1) of the Reserves Act 1977 acting under delegated authority from the Minister of Conservation, consent to the Southland District Council granting a lease over Section 38 Block II Jacobs River Hundred to the Riverton Coast Guard Incorporated for buildings (existing and proposed).

(Councillor Byars returned to the meeting at 10.10am.)

8.2 Curio Bay wastewater treatment plant - funding approach

Record No: R/22/2/4075

Management accountant – Lesley Smith was in attendance for this item.

Councillor Duffy declared a conflict of interest and advised that he would not take part in discussion or vote on Item 8.2 - Curio Bay wastewater treatment plant - funding approach.

Councillor Duffy withdrew from the discussion.

Mrs Smith advised that the purpose the report was to consider whether the future costs related to the Curio Bay wastewater treatment plant/scheme should now be predominately funded as part of the district-wide targeted wastewater rate.

Council noted that the Curio Bay wastewater treatment plant was upgraded in 2016 to service the Curio Bay Recreation Reserve with Council resolving to fund the costs of the upgrade and the annual operating costs (after contributions from third parties) from the general rate.

Resolution

Moved Cr Keast, seconded Cr Owen and resolved:

That the Council:

- a) **receives the report titled "Curio Bay wastewater treatment plant - funding approach" dated 17 March 2022.**
- b) determines that this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- c) determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with Section 79 of the act determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.
- d) note the resolution on 18th **May 2016 that "Council agrees to fund the annual operating costs of the wastewater treatment plant upgrade and associated works at Curio Bay, after contributions from third parties, by Councils General rate".**
- e) notes that the original report on 18th May 2016 discussed that the Curio Bay wastewater scheme/facility will transfer across to community wastewater scheme if and when agreement is reached to connect in the Porpoise Bay subdivision and the wider community.
- f) note that the connection of properties in the Porpoise Bay subdivision activates the transfer of the Curio Bay wastewater scheme from a reserve scheme (as part of the open spaces activity in the Long Term Plan and Revenue and Financing Policy) to a community wastewater scheme (as part of the wastewater activity).
- g) agrees that as a result of the transfer, the future operating and capital costs for the Curio Bay wastewater treatment plant should be funded in line with other Council wastewater schemes as follows:

- i) using a mix of targeted rates, general rate and other sources (as outlined in the Revenue and Financing Policy)
 - ii) via the district-wide targeted wastewater rate on all properties connected or able to be connected to the scheme (as per the Annual Plan Funding Impact Statement)
- h) request staff amend the targeted wastewater rating boundary (as shown in the map below) to include the Curio Bay recreation reserve and properties in the Porpoise Bay subdivision for inclusion in the Annual Plan 2022/2023 Funding Impact Statement.



- i) agrees that properties within the extended rating area will be charged the district-wide targeted wastewater rate from 1 July 2022 in line with (h) above.
- j) notes that the existing loan repayments related to the original scheme upgrade at the recreation reserve will continue to be funded as part of the open spaces activity in the LTP (as a district-funded reserve) funded through the general rate.

(Councillor Duffy returned to the meeting.)

8.3 Forecasted Financial Position for the year ending 30 June 2022
Record No: R/22/2/3953
Financial accountant – Sheree Marrah was in attendance for this item.

Mrs Marrah advised that the purpose of the report was to inform Council of the expected year-end financial result compared to year one of the published 2021-2031 Long Term Plan and seek approval from Council to approve the resulting forecasted position.

(During discussion Councillor Duffy left the meeting at 10.34am.)

Resolution

Moved Mayor Tong, seconded Cr Kremer recommendations a to d, e (with an addition), f (with changes as indicated by ~~strike through~~ and underline), g to l and j (with a change as indicated by ~~strike through~~ and underline) and resolved:

That the Council:

- a) **Receives the report titled “Forecasted Financial Position for the year ending 30 June 2022” dated 23 March 2022.**
- b) Determines that this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- c) Determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with Section 79 of the Act determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.
- d) **Approve the changes as detailed in attachment H (of the officer’s report),** including any adjustments identified at the meeting.
- e) **Notes the forecasted changes to Council’s year-end financial performance and position as detailed in attachments A and B ((of the officer’s report) as amended and appended to the minutes (appendix A)):**
- f) Approves the following unbudgeted expenditure and associated funding source with amendments as indicated:

Business Unit	Expense	Amount	Funding Source
People and Capability	Operational costs	\$80,640	Reserves
Chief Executive	Legal Costs	\$25,000	Reserves
Around the Mountains Cycle Trail	Maintenance - General	\$10,000	Offset by changes in projects being funded
Property Administration	Software Licence Fees	\$28,000	Reserves
Community Housing Winton	Furniture & Fittings - Renewal	\$16,738	Reserves
Roading - Administration	Consultants	\$40,000	Reserves

Dipton Forest	Consultants, Silviculture - Pruning	(\$147,747)	Reserves
Gowan Hills Forest	Consultants, Silviculture - Pruning	\$31,032	Reserves
Ohai Forest	Silviculture – Pruning, Harvesting Costs etc	(\$3,443)	Reserves
Waikaia Forest	Harvesting Costs, Land Preparation etc	\$162,719 \$311,139	Reserves
Hall - Dipton	Electricity, Maintenance - Electrical	\$163	Reserves
Recreation Reserve - EdenWyn	Electricity, Maintenance - Electrical	\$215	Reserves
Beautification - Lumsden	Mowing	\$11,255	Reserves
Information - Centre	Electricity, Maintenance - Electrical	\$994	Reserves
Village Green	Electricity, Maintenance - Electrical	\$454	Reserves
Cathedral Drive	Electricity, Maintenance - Electrical	\$977	Reserves
Hall - Manapouri	Electricity, Maintenance - Electrical	\$417	Reserves
Rec Reserve - Oreti	Mowing	\$3,889	Reserves
Rec Reserve - Ardlussa	Mowing	\$4,800	Reserves
Beautification - Mossburn	Mowing	\$1,380	Reserves
War Memorial Park	Electricity, Maintenance – Electrical & Mowing	\$1,418	Reserves
Rec Reserve - Waihopai-Toetoe	Mowing	\$2,201	Reserves
Refuse Collection - Ohai	Street Litter Bins	\$3,000	Reserves
Refuse Collection - Orepuki	Street Litter Bins	\$7,268	Reserves
Toilets - Orepuki Hall	Maintenance - General	\$15,000	Reserves
Beautification - Riversdale	Electricity, Maintenance - Electrical	\$41	Reserves
Beautification - Riverton	Electricity, Maintenance – Electrical & Gardening	\$7,408	Reserves
Recreation Reserve - Riverton	Electricity, Maintenance - Electrical	\$1,044	Reserves
Beautification - Stewart Island	Electricity, Maintenance - Electrical	\$1,640	Reserves
Beautification - Te Anau	Electricity, Maintenance - Electrical	\$9,678	Reserves
Information Kiosk	Electricity, Maintenance - Electrical	\$872	Reserves
Water Supply Ramparts	Water - Renewal	\$25,000	Loan

Manapouri Airport	Other Equip - Acq LOS	\$1,500	Reserves
Edendale Scenic Reserve	Maintenance - General	\$10,000	Budget transferred from internal work scheme code
Refuse Collection - Thornbury	Street Litter Bins	\$2,286	Reserves
Curio Bay Reserve	Maintenance - Project	\$10,000	Loan
Tuatapere Parks & Reserves	Maintenance - General	\$4,000	Reserves
Water Supply Tuatapere	Water - Acquisition LOS	\$27,047	Loan
Toilets - Clifden	Maintenance - General	\$15,000	Reserves and Loan
Beautification - Waikaia	Mowing	\$6,660	Reserves
Rec Reserve - Tuatapere Te Waewae	Mowing	\$4,378	Reserves
Beautification - Otautau	Electricity, Maintenance – Electrical & Gardening	\$7,387	Reserves
Cemetery - Wairio	Mowing	\$10,243	Reserves
Beautification- Drummond	Mowing	\$1,980	Reserves
Recreation Reserve - Wairio	Mowing	\$5,379	Reserves
Beautification - Wallacetown	Electricity, Maintenance - Electrical	\$233	Reserves
Toilets - Winton main Street	Maintenance - General	\$30,000	Reserves Loan
Beautification - Winton	Electricity, Maintenance – Electrical & Mowing	\$23,618	Reserves
SIESA - Waste Recovery	Road Freight	\$23,000	Reserves
Hall - Oreti	Maintenance-General	\$18,879	Reserves

- g) Approves the following unbudgeted expenditure above \$50,000 and associated funding source:

Business Unit	Expense	Amount	Funding Source
District Water	Maint - Unplanned	\$200,000	Loan
District Sewerage	Maint - Unplanned	\$50,000	Loan
District Sewerage	Other Plant - Renewal	\$61,000	Loan
Resource Consent Processing	Consultants	\$101,000	Reserve
Sewerage Scheme Ohai	Sewerage - Acquisition LOS	\$150,000	Loan

Water Supply Riverton	Water - Acquisition LOS	\$120,000	Loan
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h) Approves the deferral of the following projects to the 2022/2023 financial year:

Business Unit	Project	Amount	Funding Source
Information Management	Core System replacement	(\$846,541)	Loan
Around the Mountains Cycle Trail	Continuous improvement programme & cattlestop	(\$159,353)	Loan
Buildings - Invercargill Office	Invercargill office refurbishment	(\$120,000)	Loan
Community Housing Collective	Community housing business case	(\$25,000)	Reserves
District Reserves - Management	Open spaces strategy capital development	(\$125,000)	Loan
Water Supply Manapouri	Water treatment plant upgrade	(\$800,000)	Loan
Rec Reserve - Waihopai-Toetoe [^]	Curio Bay reserve management plan	(\$50,000)	Loan
Sewerage Scheme Riversdale	Wastewater treatment plant upgrade	(\$300,000)	Loan
Toilets - Riverton Princess St	Taramea Bay toilet replacement	(\$252,770)	Loan
Street Works - Stewart Island	Dundee St footpath extension	(\$70,000)	Grant and Loan
Stewart Island Jetties [^]	Golden Bay wharf renewal investigation	(\$468,215)	Grant and Loan
Manapouri Airport	Runway Surface rehabilitation	(\$743,000)	Loan and Reserves
Water Supply - Eastern Bush	Water supply upgrade	(\$1,500,000)	Loan
Winton Parks & Reserves	Centennial Park tree and hedge removal	(\$9,999)	Reserves
Beautification - Stewart Is [*]	New walking track Horseshoe Bay Road part 2	(\$53,740)	Grants
* Project already deferred as part of the 2022/2023 Annual Plan development [^] Project already partially deferred as part of the 2022/2023 Annual Plan development			

h) Approves the deletion of the following 2021/2022 projects:

Business Unit	Project	Amount
Around the Mountains Cycle Trail	Continuous improvement programme	(\$17,325)
Street Works - Balfour	Balfour footpaths	(\$12,500)
Sewerage Scheme Te Anau	Wastewater upgrade Te Anau	(\$122,981)
Sewerage Scheme Te Anau	Wastewater upgrade Te Anau - Demand Portion	(\$77,019)
Hall - Fortrose	Fortrose Hall External and roof repaint	(\$33,835)
SIESA - Operations	Wind Power Pre-development	(\$80,000)

- j) Approves the bringing forward of the following project budgets from future financial years with amendments as indicated:

Business Unit	Project	Amount	Funding Source
Toilets - Athol	Athol Toilet Renewal	\$50,000	Loan
Transfer Stations - Te Anau	Te Anau Transfer Station Weighbridge	\$154,500	Grant and loan
Toilets - Cosy Nook, Monkey Island	Cosy Nook Toilet Replacement	\$108,426	Reserves <u>Loan</u>
Toilets - Cosy Nook, Monkey Island	Monkey Island - shelter area development	\$51,500	Loan
Boat Ramps - Te Anau	Te Anau Downs Boat Ramp Refurbishment	\$61,800	Loan

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.35am and reconvened at 11am.)

(Councillor Douglas left the meeting at 10.35am.)

(Mayor Tong, Councillors Byars, Ford, Frazer, Keast, Kremer, Menzies, Owen, Ruddenklau and Scott were present when the meeting reconvened.)

8.4 Management report

Record No: R/22/3/8694

Chief executive – Cameron McIntosh was in attendance for this item.

(Councillor Harpur returned to the meeting at 11.04am.)

Resolution

Moved Mayor Tong, seconded Cr Harpur and resolved:

That Council:

- a) **Receives the report titled “Management report” dated 23 March 2022.**

Reports - Governance

9.1 Update on 2022 triennial election and order of candidate names

Record No: R/22/2/5929

Governance legal manager – Robyn Rout was in attendance for this item.

Mrs Rout advised that the purpose of the report was to provide an update to Council on the 2022 triennial elections and to seek a decision on the order candidate names should appear on voting documents.

Council noted that there are three options available for the candidate names to be listed on voting papers. The options are:

- alphabetical
- pseudo-random (the order of names is drawn out of a hat with all voting documents using the same order)
- random (where each voting paper has a different order of candidate names)

Resolution

Moved Cr Frazer, seconded Cr Owen and resolved:

That the Council:

- a) **receives the report titled “Update on 2022 triennial election and order of candidate names” dated 21 March 2022.**
- b) determines that this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- c) determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with Section 79 of the act determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.
- d) notes the representation arrangements that apply for the Southland District are:
- a Mayor
 - 12 councillors elected from five wards

- Fifty-six community board members elected to nine community boards (two community boards are divided into subdivisions for electoral purposes).
- e) Notes the following key dates in relation to the 2022 triennial council elections:
 - 15 July 2022 - nominations open
 - 12 August 2022 - nominations close
 - 16 September 2022 - delivery of voting documents
 - 8 October 2022 – election day.
- f) **Agrees to adopt ‘random’ order as the order in which candidate names will appear on voting documents for the 2022 triennial council elections and any subsequent by-elections.**

Councillor Duffy requested that his dissenting vote be recorded.

9.2 Resource Management Delegation Review

Record No: R/22/3/10644

Manager environmental services – Marcus Roy was in attendance for this item.

Mr Roy advised that the purpose of the report was to seek approval to update the Resource Management Act 1991 delegations to ensure that they remain current.

Council noted that a new Team Leader Monitoring and Enforcement Role has been established and there are no specific functions delegated to this role and additionally, including two new sections within the delegation will enable staff to perform a wide range of Resource Management Act related functions.

Resolution

Moved Mayor Tong, seconded Cr Duffy and resolved:

That the Council:

- a) **receives the report titled “Resource Management Delegation Review” dated 23 March 2022.**
- b) determines that this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- c) determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with Section 79 of the act determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.

- d) approves the updated delegations to Council Staff below:

11.43 Resource Management Act 1991

SECTION	SUMMARY OF FUNCTION / POWER DELEGATED	DELEGATED OFFICER
s.9	Enforcing the District Plans	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services
s.10, 10A, 10B	Determination of whether existing rights in terms of Section 10 of the RMA apply	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Manager Environmental Health Team Leader Consent Processing Senior Resource Management Planner Team Leader Monitoring and Enforcement
s.27	To provide information to the Minister for Environment	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Manager Environmental Health Team Leader Consent Processing Team Leader Environmental Policy Senior Resource Management Planner Team Leader Monitoring and Enforcement
s.36(5)	Power to require the payment of additional charges to cover processing costs in accordance with Council's approved Schedule of Fees and Charges under the Resource Management Act 1991	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Manager Environmental Health

		<p>Team Leader Consent Processing</p> <p>Senior Resource Management Planner</p> <p>Resource Management Planner</p> <p>Team Leader Environmental Policy</p> <p>Team Leader Monitoring and Enforcement</p>
s.36(6)	Power to provide on request an estimate of additional charges over and above the processing deposits	<p>Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services</p> <p>Manager Environmental Planning</p> <p>Team Leader Consent Processing</p> <p>Senior Resource Management Planner</p> <p>Resource Management Planner</p>
s.36AAB(1)	Power to remit the whole or any part of the charge under s36 that would otherwise be payable.	<p>Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services</p> <p>Manager Environmental Planning</p> <p>Manager Environmental Health</p> <p>Team Leader Consent Processing</p> <p>Team Leader Monitoring and Enforcement</p>
ss.37, 37A	Power to waive and/or extend time limits for functions under the act.	<p>Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services</p> <p>Manager Environmental Planning</p> <p>Manager Environmental Health</p> <p>Team Leader Consent Processing</p> <p>Senior Resource Management Planner</p>

		Team Leader Monitoring and Enforcement
s.38	Authorisation and responsibilities of Enforcement Officers	<p>Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services</p> <p>Manager Environmental Planning</p> <p>Manager Environmental Health</p> <p>Team Leader Consent Processing</p> <p>Senior Resource Management Planner</p> <p>Resource Management Planner</p> <p>Graduate Resource Management Planner</p> <p>Team Leader Ecology Ecologist</p> <p>Monitoring and Enforcement Officer</p> <p>Team Leader Monitoring and Enforcement</p>
s.41B	Direction to provide evidence with time limits	<p>Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services</p> <p>Manager Environmental Planning</p> <p>Team Leader Consent Processing</p> <p>Senior Resource Management Planner</p> <p>Resource Management Planner</p>
s.42	Protection of sensitive information	<p>Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services</p> <p>Manager Environmental Planning</p> <p>Team Leader Consent Processing</p> <p>Team Leader Environmental Policy</p>

s.42A	Require the preparation of a report on information provided	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Team Leader Consent Processing Senior Resource Management Planner Team Leader Environmental Policy
s.42A (5)	Waiving compliance regarding timeframes for distributing reports, where there is no material prejudice	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Team Leader Consent Processing Senior Resource Management Planner
s.87BA	To issue a notice confirming a boundary activity is permitted	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Manager Environmental Health Team Leader Consent Processing Senior Resource Management Planner Resource Management Planner Team Leader Monitoring and Enforcement
s.87BB	To issue a notice confirming a marginal or temporary activity is permitted	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Manager Environmental Health Team Leader Consent Processing

		Senior Resource Management Planner Team Leader Monitoring and Enforcement
s.87E	Decision on request for application to go directly to environment court	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Team Leader Consent Processing
s.87F	Preparation of report on application referred directly to environment court	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Team Leader Consent Processing Senior Resource Management Planner Resource Management Planner
s.88(3)	Determining an application incomplete and returning to the applicant	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Team Leader Consent Processing Senior Resource Management Planner Resource Management Planner
s.91	Determining not to proceed with notification or hearing of application pending lodging of further consents under the act	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Team Leader Consent Processing Senior Resource Management Planner

s.92	Request further information or agreement to commissioning of a report on resource consent application	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Team Leader Consent Processing Senior Resource Management Planner Resource Management Planner Graduate Resource Management Planner
s.92A (2)	Set timeframe for provision of further information or commissioning of a report	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Team Leader Consent Processing Senior Resource Management Planner Resource Management Planner Graduate Resource Management Planner
ss.95A, 95B	Determination of public notification or limited notification	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Team Leader Consent Processing Senior Resource Management Planner
s.95D	Determination of adverse effects likely to be more than minor	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Team Leader Consent Processing Senior Resource Management Planner

s.95E	Determination if person is affected person	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Team Leader Consent Processing Senior Resource Management Planner Team Leader Monitoring and Enforcement
s.95F	Determination if group is an affected customary rights group	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Team Leader Consent Processing Senior Resource Management Planner
s.95G	Determination if group is an affected customary marine title group	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Team Leader Consent Processing Senior Resource Management Planner
s.99	Organise and convene prehearing meetings and prepare reports on these under Section 99 (5)	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Team Leader Consent Processing Senior Resource Management Planner
s.100	Determine whether a formal hearing is necessary	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning

		Team Leader Consent Processing Senior Resource Management Planner
s.101	Fix time and date for hearings	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Team Leader Consent Processing Senior Resource Management Planner
s.102	To determine whether applications are required to be heard by Joint Hearings Committee	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Team Leader Consent Processing Senior Resource Management Planner
s.103	To determine whether two or more applications to different authorities are sufficiently unrelated that a joint hearing is not appropriate.	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Team Leader Consent Processing Senior Resource Management Planner
ss. 104, 104A, 104B, 104C, 104D, 108, 113	Make and issue decisions and impose conditions for non-notified resource applications and limited notified resource applications where there are no submissions received or where all submissions received are in support and no party wishes to be heard; in accordance with the provisions of the Southland District Plan and the RMA.	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Team Leader Consent Processing Senior Resource Management Planner
s.106	Ability to refuse subdivision consent in certain circumstances.	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services

		<p>Manager Environmental Planning</p> <p>Team Leader Consent Processing</p> <p>Senior Resource Management Planner</p>
s.108A	Determination of requirement for a bond	<p>Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services</p> <p>Manager Environmental Planning</p> <p>Team Leader Consent Processing</p> <p>Senior Resource Management Planner</p> <p>Team Leader Monitoring and Enforcement</p>
s.114	Notify decisions to applicant and other appropriate authorities	<p>Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services</p> <p>Manager Environmental Planning</p> <p>Team Leader Consent Processing</p> <p>Senior Resource Management Planner</p> <p>Resource Management Planner</p> <p>Graduate Resource Management Planner</p>
s.123 (b)	Duration of consent	<p>Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services</p> <p>Manager Environmental Planning</p> <p>Team Leader Consent Processing</p> <p>Senior Resource Management Planner</p> <p>Team Leader Monitoring and Enforcement</p>
s.125 (1A)(B)	Fix longer period for lapsing of resource consents than is the norm under Section 125(1)	<p>Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services</p>

		<p>Manager Environmental Planning</p> <p>Team Leader Consent Processing</p> <p>Senior Resource Management Planner</p>
s.126	Cancel consent if not exercised	<p>Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services</p> <p>Manager Environmental Planning</p> <p>Manager Environmental Health</p> <p>Team Leader Consent Processing</p> <p>Senior Resource Management Planner</p> <p>Team Leader Monitoring and Enforcement</p>
s.127	Determining whether application to change or cancel consent requires notification, or limited notification and changing or cancelling any condition on a resource consent	<p>Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services</p> <p>Manager Environmental Planning</p> <p>Team Leader Consent Processing</p> <p>Senior Resource Management Planner</p>
s.128	Service of notice of intention to review conditions of a resource consent	<p>Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services</p> <p>Manager Environmental Planning</p> <p>Manager Environmental Health</p> <p>Team Leader Consent Processing</p> <p>Senior Resource Management Planner</p> <p>Team Leader Monitoring and Enforcement</p> <p>Monitoring and Enforcement Officer</p>

ss.129, 130	Formulation and public notification of notice to review conditions	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Manager Environmental Health Team Leader Consent Processing Senior Resource Management Planner Team Leader Monitoring and Enforcement Monitoring and Enforcement Officer
s.133A	Minor corrections of resource consents	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Manager Environmental Health Team Leader Consent Processing Senior Resource Management Planner Team Leader Monitoring and Enforcement
s.134(4)	Approval of transfer of resource consents – written notice	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Manager Environmental Health Team Leader Consent Processing Senior Resource Management Planner
s.138	Surrender of consent	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning

		<p>Manager Environmental Health</p> <p>Team Leader Consent Processing</p> <p>Senior Resource Management Planner</p> <p>Team Leader Monitoring and Enforcement</p>
s.139	Consider request for and issue Certificates of Compliance for any activity which is a permitted activity under the District Plan.	<p>Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services</p> <p>Manager Environmental Planning</p> <p>Manager Environmental Health</p> <p>Team Leader Consent Processing</p> <p>Senior Resource Management Planner</p> <p>Team Leader Monitoring and Enforcement</p>
s.139A	Consider request for and issue Existing Use Certificate.	<p>Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services</p> <p>Manager Environmental Planning</p> <p>Manager Environmental Health</p> <p>Team Leader Consent Processing</p> <p>Senior Resource Management Planner</p> <p>Team Leader Monitoring and Enforcement</p>
s.169	Request further information and process notice of requirement	<p>Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services</p> <p>Manager Environmental Planning</p> <p>Team Leader Consent Processing</p> <p>Senior Resource Management Planner</p>

s.170	Discretion to include notice of requirement in proposed Plan	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Team Leader Consent Processing
s.171	Consider notice of requirement and make submissions thereto, and make recommendation to the requiring authority	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Team Leader Consent Processing Senior Resource Management Planner
s.174	Lodge appeal against decision of a requiring authority.	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Manager Environmental Health Team Leader Consent Processing Senior Resource Management Planner
s.176A(2) (C)	Outline plan waivers	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Team Leader Consent Processing Senior Resource Management Planner
s.181(3)	Alteration of designation in plan at request of requiring authority, to a minor extent	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Team Leader Consent Processing

		Senior Resource Management Planner
s.182	Removal of designation at request of requiring authority	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Team Leader Consent Processing Senior Resource Management Planner
s.184(2)	Waiver of lapsing designation	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Team Leader Consent Processing Senior Resource Management Planner
s.220	Issue certificates relating to requirements to comply on ongoing basis with consent conditions and endorsements on titles	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Manager Environmental Health Team Leader Consent Processing Senior Resource Management Planner Team Leader Monitoring and Enforcement
s.221	Imposing and issuing Consent Notices on subdivision consents.	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Team Leader Consent Processing Senior Resource Management Planner

s.222	Dealing with Completion Certificates on subdivision consents	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Team Leader Consent Processing Senior Resource Management Planner
s.223	Approval of Survey Plan – check compliance prior to sealing	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Team Leader Consent Processing Senior Resource Management Planner
s.224	Issue certificates indicating all or any of conditions on subdivision consent have been complied with	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Team Leader Consent Processing Senior Resource Management Planner
s.226	Certifications of plans of subdivision that allotments on the plan meet the requirements of the District Plan	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Team Leader Consent Processing Senior Resource Management Planner
ss.229 – 237H	Creation of esplanade reserves and strips and associated conditions.	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Team Leader Consent Processing

		Senior Resource Management Planner
ss.240,241	Imposition and cancellation of amalgamation conditions and restrictive covenants	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Team Leader Consent Processing Senior Resource Management Planner
s.243(E)	Revoking a condition specifying easements	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Team Leader Consent Processing Senior Resource Management Planner
ss.310,311	Application to Environment Court for a declaration	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Manager Environmental Health Team Leader Consent Processing Team Leader Environmental Policy Team Leader Monitoring and Enforcement
ss.314,316	Seek and/or respond to an Enforcement Order	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Manager Environmental Health Team Leader Consent Processing Team Leader Monitoring and Enforcement

s.320	Seek and/or respond to an interim enforcement order	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Manager Environmental Health Team Leader Consent Processing Team Leader Monitoring and Enforcement
s.325A	Signature or cancellation of abatement notice	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Manager Environmental Health Team Leader Consent Processing Monitoring and Enforcement Officer Team Leader Monitoring and Enforcement
Schedule 1, Clause 5A	To identify all affected parties for limited notification of a plan change or variation	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Team Leader Environmental Policy
ss.322, 327, 328, 343C	The taking of enforcement action in relation to the Resource Management Act, initiating the review the resource consent decisions, and conditions	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Manager Environmental Health Team Leader Consent Processing Team Leader Monitoring and Enforcement

s.332	To carry out inspection of any premises of property (except a dwelling house) to determine whether the RMA, any regulation or rule of the District Plan or resource consent is being complied with	<p>Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services</p> <p>Manager Environmental Planning</p> <p>Manager Environmental Health</p> <p>Team Leader Consent Processing</p> <p>Senior Resource Management Planner</p> <p>Resource Management Planner</p> <p>Graduate Resource Management Planner</p> <p>Team Leader Monitoring and Enforcement</p> <p>Monitoring and Enforcement Officer</p> <p>Team Leader Ecology</p> <p>Ecologist</p> <p>Graduate Ecologist</p> <p>Team Leader Environmental Policy</p> <p>Resource Management Planner - Policy</p>
s.333	Entry to land (except a dwelling house) for purposes connected with any preparation, change, or review of the District Plan	<p>Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services</p> <p>Manager Environmental Planning</p> <p>Manager Environmental Health</p> <p>Team Leader Consent Processing</p> <p>Senior Resource Management Planner</p> <p>Resource Management Planner</p> <p>Graduate Resource Management Planner</p> <p>Team Leader Monitoring and Enforcement</p>

		Monitoring and Enforcement Officer Team Leader Ecology Ecologist Graduate Ecologist
s.336	Return of property seized under ss.323 and 328	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Health Environmental health officer Team Leader Monitoring and Enforcement
s.342	The power to collect fines for an offence under s.338	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Team Leader Consent Processing Monitoring and Enforcement Officer Environmental health manager Team Leader Monitoring and Enforcement
s.357	The power to consider and make decisions on application for objections for an application which does not require a hearing, except where the decision would result in a net payment of reserve contributions by Council less credits for land to vest exceeding the delegation for the role. The power to decide whether an objection requires a hearing	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Manager Environmental Health Team Leader Consent Processing Environmental health manager
s. 357B	The power to determine objections to additional charges which are less than \$5,000.00	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services

ss.357C-D	The power to consider and decide upon objections made. To consider, dismiss or uphold (in whole or in part) any objection under sections 357, 357A or 357B of the Act PROVIDED that this delegation shall NOT be exercised in respect of objections on resource consent applications which have been the subject of a hearing under section 100 of the Act	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Manager Environmental Health Team Leader Consent Processing Team Leader Monitoring and Enforcement
s. 338	Commencing a prosecution for offences under the RMA and District Plan	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager
s.360F	To set overall charges payable by the applicant for a plan change or resource consent	Group Manager – Infrastructure and Environmental Services Manager Environmental Planning Team Leader Consent Processing Team Leader Environmental Policy

The meeting concluded at 11.38am.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 29 MARCH 2022.

DATE:

CHAIRPERSON:

Appendix A

**SOUTHLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL
FORECAST STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
30 JUNE 2022**

	February 2021/2022 Forecast adjustments (\$000)	Forecast Result for 2021/2022 (\$000)	Long Term Plan 2021/2022 (\$000)
Equity			
Retained Earnings	1,143	730,708	720,986
Asset Revaluation Reserves		909,521	922,181
Fair Value Reserves		4,771	3,577
Other Reserves	(784)	38,229	34,844
TOTAL EQUITY	359	1,683,229	1,681,588
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents		(199)	221
Trade and Other Receivables		14,336	10,378
Inventories		115	105
Other Financial Assets		941	448
	0	15,193	11,152
Non Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	(5,181)	1,691,790	1,704,340
Intangible Assets	(847)	5,019	3,900
Forestry Assets		13,790	13,320
Investments in Associates		1,418	945
Other Financial Assets		39,003	37,533
	(6,027)	1,751,020	1,760,038
TOTAL ASSETS	(6,027)	1,766,212	1,771,190
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables		14,882	7,957
Contract Retentions and Deposits		912	719
Employee Benefit Liabilities		2,172	2,122
Development and Financial Contributions		1,623	1,730
Provision for Decommissioning		(0)	10
Borrowings		6,000	6,000
	0	25,588	18,538
Non-Current Liabilities			
Employee Benefit Liabilities		23	-
Provision for Decommissioning		10	-
Borrowings	(6,386)	57,361	71,064
	(6,386)	57,395	71,064
TOTAL LIABILITIES	(6,386)	82,983	89,602
NET ASSETS	359	1,683,229	1,681,588

Draft Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy policy and bylaw - hearings and submissions

Record no: R/22/3/10446

Author: Jane Edwards, Policy analyst

Approved by: Fran Mikulicic, Group manager democracy and community

☐ Decision

☐ Recommendation

☒ Information

Purpose

- 1 The purpose of this report is to provide information to councillors on the feedback that was received through submissions on the draft Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Policy (the draft policy) and the draft Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Bylaw 2022 (the draft bylaw).
- 2 This report also outlines the speakers who have requested to be heard, and it provides timetables for oral submissions to be heard by Council on 27 April 2022 in a virtual environment due to the current Covid-19 Protection Framework levels.

Executive summary

- 3 On 22 February 2022, Council endorsed a statement of proposal, which included the draft policy and draft bylaw, for public consultation. A copy of the proposal is included with this report as attachment A. Submissions were accepted between 8am 1 March and 5pm 1 April 2022.
- 4 There were 102 submissions on the proposal. People who made submissions were from:
 - Stewart Island/Rakiura - 26% of submitters
 - other areas in Southland - 44% of submitters
 - other areas in New Zealand - 10% of submitters
 - Stewart Island/Rakiura ratepayers who live elsewhere - 20% of submitters
- 5 There are 16 submitters who would like to be heard on this matter.
- 6 The majority of submitters thought that the visitor levy should be increased from \$5.00 (the current amount) and there was general support for increasing funds to protect and support the unique environment of Stewart Island/Rakiura. A number of submitters also supported keeping the visitor levy at \$5.00 due to the perception that an increase in levy quantum would make the Island an uneconomical destination for visitors. Those that did not support an increase commented that the increasing cost to reach Stewart Island/Rakiura was impacting on family connectedness and the quality of life for the increasingly aging population on the Island. Many comments were made on the timing of the proposed levy increase, given the current economic climate.
- 7 There was general support for the Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Allocation Subcommittee (the subcommittee) being able to commit to multi-year funding, however, of those submissions in support, a slight majority considered the current approach of being able to commit funding for ten years, most appropriate. Feedback suggested that uncertainties, such as Covid impacts,

climate change and evolving technology, mean that thirty years is too long a period to provide a financial commitment to. Feedback in support stated that the ability to commit funding of up to thirty years recognised the long term nature of many infrastructure projects and that the time period gave long term certainty and security – these submitters did however caution that the circumstances would need to be exceptional.

- 8 During the consultation process, submitters also provided feedback on issues such as what levy funds should be used for, who should be considered exempt and the need for increased communication and transparency from Council.
- 9 Council will deliberate on this matter on 11 May 2022.
- 10 Under Section 4 of the Southland District Council (Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy) Empowering Act 2012 (the empowering act) a levy is a sum of money collected from visitors arriving as freedom travellers, and revenue is money collected on behalf of Council by approved operators. For the purpose of this report, and to ensure clarity, both types of money collected (levy and revenue) will be referred to as 'levy'.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) **receives the report titled “Draft Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy policy and bylaw - hearings and submissions” dated 21 April 2022.**
- b) determines that this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- c) determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with Section 79 of the act determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.
- d) receives all written submissions and hears from the submitters who wish to be heard on the draft Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy policy and bylaw.

Background

The empowering act

- 11 Although Stewart Island/Rakiura has a small resident population, it is a destination for a large number of short-term visitors. This creates a unique funding challenge for Council. In recognition of this, Parliament adopted the Empowering Act in 2012.
- 12 The Empowering Act outlines that levies collected must be used for one or more of the following purposes:
 - funding, wholly or in part, activities used by visitors

- funding, wholly or in part, activities on the island for the benefit of visitors
- mitigating the adverse effects of visitors on the environment of the island.

- 13 The Empowering Act also establishes who is a visitor in relation to collecting the levy, it gives Council the right to make a bylaw to prescribe the rate of levies that may be imposed on or in respect of visitors, and it outlines information about infringements.

The current policy and bylaw

- 14 The current policy and bylaw became operative and the levy started being collected, in October 2013.
- 15 When the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor Levy Bylaw and policy were last reviewed in 2018/2019, Council endorsed keeping the quantum of the levy at \$5.00, until a strategic review of service delivery to Stewart Island/Rakiura had taken place. There has been no change to the levy quantum since its implementation in 2013.
- 16 The current policy contains practical information about how the visitor levy operates, and outlines who has to pay the levy, how a person can prove they are exempt, how the fund is administered and how funding is allocated.
- 17 The current bylaw outlines the levy that is imposed (\$5.00), how it is collected, and the relevant offences and penalties. The infringement fee for each infringement offence has been set by way of a regulation made under the Empowering Act, and is \$250.00.

The review process to date

- 18 Staff undertook preliminary consultation and obtained feedback from internal and external stakeholders (members of the Stewart Island/Rakiura community, stakeholders involved with the levy, and Council staff members) on this matter, which helped develop the draft policy and bylaw.
- 19 Staff presented a draft policy and bylaw to the community and strategy committee (the committee) on 1 February 2022 where the committee made a number of recommendations to Council. On 22 February 2022, Council endorsed the recommendations made by the committee, and released a statement of proposal (including the draft policy and bylaw) for public consultation.
- 20 Some of the key changes in the draft policy that went out for consultation are:
- increasing the amount of levy collected from \$5 to \$15 (including GST) from 1 October 2023
 - removing the requirement that public consultation on any increase to the levy occur via the Annual/Long term Plan process, but continuing to comply with all consultation and legal requirements for bylaw and policy review
 - allowing multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances, increased from the current 10 years
 - wording to clarify the allocations process
 - updates to improve legal accuracy.

- 21 Changes included in the draft bylaw that went out for consultation are:
- increasing the levy amount collected from \$5.00 to \$15.00 (including GST) from 1 October 2023.
- 22 Information about why these changes were included in the draft policy and bylaw can be found in a report to the committee on 1 February 2022, and in a report to Council on 22 February 2022. These reports are publicly available on Council's website and Councillors can view them on the Hub.
- 23 Council consulted on the draft policy and bylaw from 8am 1 March 2022 to 5pm 1 April 2022. A submission form was available electronically on Council's website, and hard-copies were made available in Oban and Council's offices.

Issues

- 24 There were 102 submissions on the draft policy and bylaw, and a large proportion were completed on the submission form prepared by Council staff. Submissions from people on Stewart Island/Rakiura made up 26% of the total submissions, and 44% of submissions were from people who live in other parts of Southland. A smaller proportion of submissions came from Stewart Island ratepayers living elsewhere (20%) and people living in other parts of New Zealand (10%).
- 25 All of the submissions are presented in the submission booklet included with this report as attachment B. There is an index at the beginning of the booklet. Each submitter has a submitter number, which is clearly marked on each page of their written submission.

Hearings

- 26 There are 16 submitters who want to speak to their submission at a hearing. Hearings will be held by Council on Wednesday 27 April 2022. Due to the national Covid-19 Protection Framework levels impacting on the ability to hold this meeting in person, hearings will be conducted virtually via Zoom and will be livestreamed to enable members of the public to watch.
- 27 The table below outlines the submitters who will be presenting at the hearings and the timetable for the session. It is possible there may be some last-minute changes to this timetable, and councillors will be notified of any final changes at the Council meeting on 27 April 2022.

TABLE 1 – SUBMISSION HEARING TIMETABLE FOR WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL 2022			
Submission time	Submitter no	Submitter	Page no in agenda
9.10am	6	Alistair Faulknor	98
	101	Graham Okey	312
	12	Cherie Hemsley	111

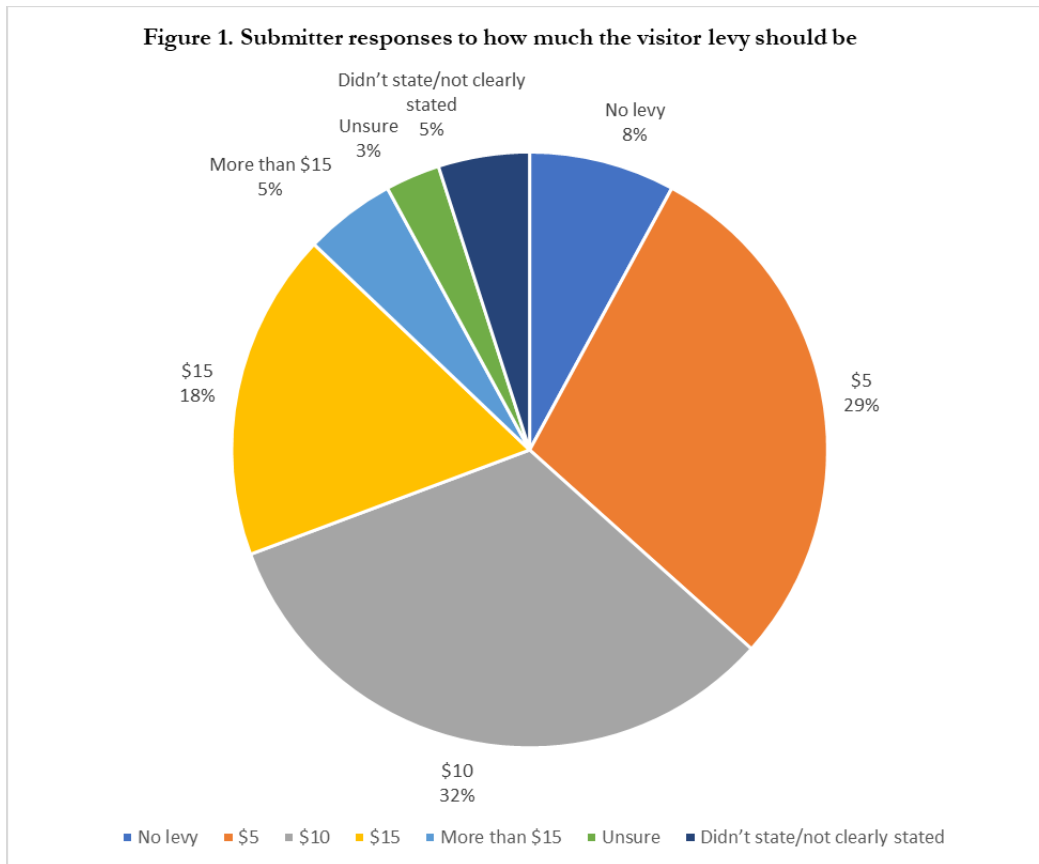
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	46	Helen Cave – various	181
	49	Aaron Joy – Stewart Island Backpackers	189
	50	Elaine Hamilton	191
	72	Ulva Goodwillie – Ulva’s Guided Walks	236
	65	Margaret Hopkins	221
10.30am	Break		
10.45am	100	Manfred Herzhoff – Rakiura Adventure ltd	310
	99	Jon Spraggon - Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board	306
	75	Ann Pullen	245
	97	Paul Norris – RealNZ Ltd	299
	94	Darelle Jenkins – Hospitality NZ, Southland Branch	290
	93	Bill Moffatt – Stewart Island Flights	288
	84	Kevin O’Sullivan – NZ Cruise Association	266
	85	Sharon Pasco	271
	75	Ann Pullen	
	97	Paul Norris – RealNZ Ltd	
	94	Darelle Jenkins – Hospitality NZ, Southland Branch	
	93	Bill Moffatt – Stewart Island Flights	
	84	Kevin O’Sullivan – NZ Cruise Association	
	85	Sharon Pasco	

Feedback that was received in the written submissions

The quantum of the levy

- 28 Submitters were asked how much they thought the visitor levy should be. In the statement of proposal, a levy of \$15 was proposed.
- 29 A majority of 32% of submitters supported a \$10.00 levy while 29% of submitters thought the levy should remain at the current \$5.00. A further 18% of submitters supported the proposed levy quantum of \$15.00, with a further 5% of submitters supporting a levy of more than \$15.00. The remaining submitters either did not think there should be a levy (8%), did not clearly state an amount (5%), or were unsure of that the levy quantum should be (3%). These results are outlined in Figure 1 below.

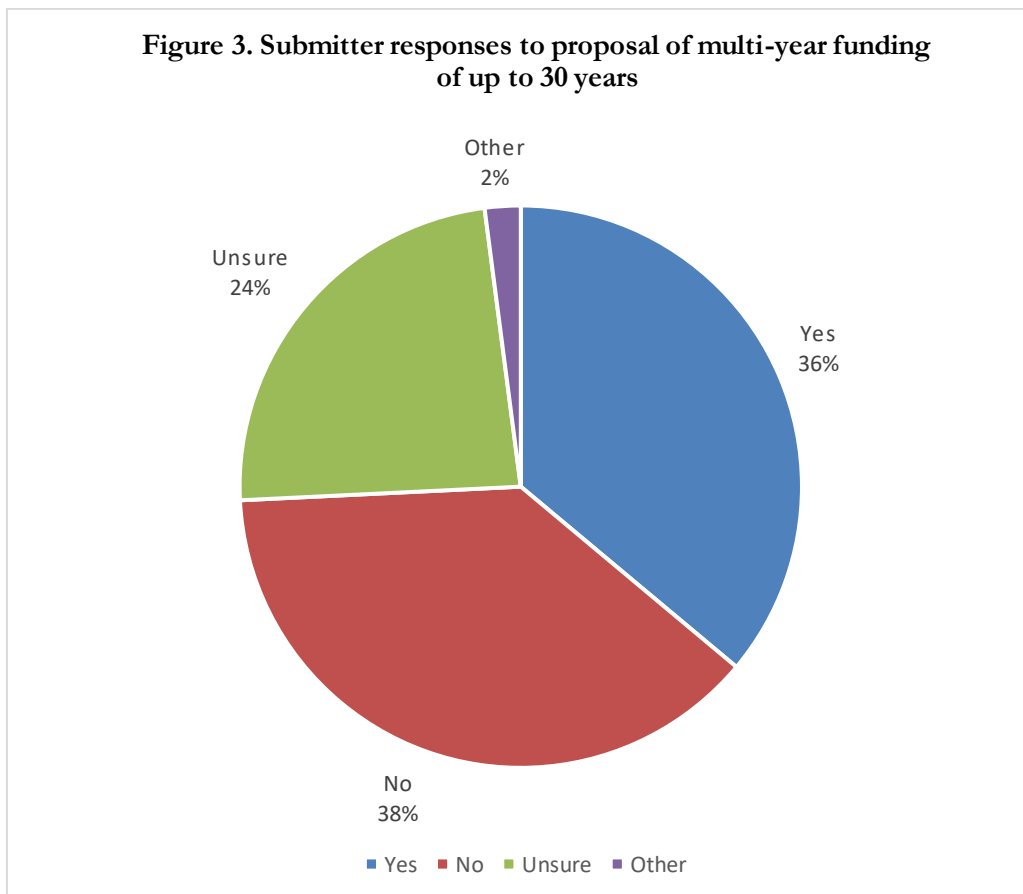


- 30 Submitters gave a lot of feedback about the quantum of the visitor levy. Submitters generally opposed increasing the levy above \$10.00. The main reason given was that an increase to the proposed \$15.00 would deter visitors from choosing to go to Stewart Island/Rakiura. Submitters indicated that the levy is perceived as an asset for Stewart Island/Rakiura, but that too high an increase in the rate could result in a decrease of levy funds with visitors choosing not to visit. There was modest support for increasing the levy to \$15.00 or above, and some submitters suggested that given the current economic climate, any change should be incremental and occur over a number of years.
- 31 Submitters in support for an increase above the current \$5.00 generally commented that an increase was considered fair and reasonable in order to maintain and protect the unique environment of Stewart Island/Rakiura. Comments were made that if the costs to provide services to the Island have increased substantially, then visitors should pay their share of these costs and many comments indicated a willingness from visitors to do so.
- 32 Some submitters commented that there was not enough information to justify increasing the levy to \$10 or \$15. Another theme was that with the advent of a central government tourist levy, the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy was effectively 'double dipping'. It was also commented that a region-wide policy on user pays was necessary as compared to the 'piecemeal approach' across the District that has been undertaken to date.
- 33 The timing of Council's proposal to increase the levy quantum was described as ill-advised, with submitters commenting that it showed a disconnect with the community given it comes ahead of any demonstrable move towards economic recovery.

- 34 Submissions were also received suggesting options for a seasonal variation in the levy quantum to encourage the domestic market over the winter season when the Island receives fewer visitors.

Multi-year funding

- 35 Submitters were asked whether they supported increasing the multi-year funding time period to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure projects. The current policy allows the subcommittee to commit to giving funds to an applicant in future applicant rounds for up to 10 years.
- 36 The proposal to increase the multi-year funding period to 30 years was supported by 36% of submitters, while 38% of submitters did not support an increase. A further 24% of submitters were unsure of how long the multi-year funding time period should be and 2% did not clearly state or did not answer. These results are outlined in Figure 3 below.



- 37 Submitters who supported the proposal stated that extending the term from 10 years to 30 years would give certainty and security. Comments made stated that the extension recognises the long term nature of many infrastructure projects and that it would enable the cost to be spread over the life of an asset. Submissions in support cautioned that long-term funding should only be used for projects in exceptional circumstances and that such projects would need to be consistently monitored and reviewed to ensure effectiveness.
- 38 Submitters who did not support the proposal emphasised the need for caution when allocating funds over such a long time period given the uncertainty and fluctuations that can occur in visitor

numbers. Comments were made that a 30-year commitment was too far sighted and would tie future generations to projects that they may consider inappropriate.

- 39 A number of submitters felt that the current 10-year funding model was working effectively. Feedback was given that proposed projects should not exceed funds available with future projects placed on hold until adequate funding was in place.

Other themes

- 40 A number of other consistent themes were identified through the consultation process. These included:

Levy allocation

- 41 Submitters gave a number of comments on what they thought the levy should fund. There were mixed responses from submitters, but some common themes emerged.
- 42 In relation to infrastructure, comments from submitters agreed that the wharves and jetties needed money spent on them, however many felt that other organisations should be funding them not the levy. Footpaths were commented on by submitters, many stating that unless they were needed for health and safety reasons, they were an unwanted project on the island and should not be funded by the levy. Comment was made that infrastructure should be placed as discretely and minimally as possible in order to not impact the island's natural beauty.
- 43 It was a common theme that levy funds should not be used towards any amenities or activities that should be funded by other organisations or by ratepayers, and that it was important that the levy improved the visitor experience and was not used for locals. Related to this theme, there was feedback that central government grants would be a preferred source of funding for projects rather than the visitor levy.
- 44 Many submitters requested increased communication from Council (with both visitors and the Stewart Island/Rakiura community) to facilitate greater understanding of the purpose of the levy and what it was being used for. Coupled to this were submissions requesting greater transparency and accountability from Council regarding the allocation of levy funds.

Exemptions

- 45 A number of submitters requested that consideration be given to who should be exempt from paying the levy. A number of suggestions were received proposing options by which the levy quantum could be discounted, and to whom.
- 46 Submitters included suggestions that family of Stewart Island/Rakiura residents, and Invercargill and Southland District ratepayers should not have to pay or should pay a discounted levy. It was also proposed that contractors/tradespeople should be exempt or pay a lower rate.

Who allocates

- 47 A number of submissions were received requesting that consideration be given to the membership of the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy allocations subcommittee with comment made that it lacks adequate local representation from Stewart Island/Rakiura.

- 48 Comments received suggested that the group allocating should be composed either solely of Stewart Island/Rakiura residents or that representation by this group be increased in order to ensure that allocation decisions were not influenced by external parties.

Factors to consider

Legal and statutory requirements

- 49 The Empowering Act provides that Council may make bylaws in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) to prescribe:
- the rates of levies that may be imposed on or in respect of ‘visitors’, and
 - the means by which those levies are to be collected.
- 50 The purpose of the Empowering Act is to provide a mechanism for Council to set and collect levies and obtain revenue from passengers travelling to Stewart Island/Rakiura, in order to better provide services, facilities, and amenities for those persons while they are on Stewart Island/Rakiura.
- 51 Council has undertaken consultation on the draft policy and bylaw in accordance with the special consultative procedure outlined in section 83 and 86 of the LGA. The proposal was made widely available and people were encouraged to give their feedback by placing advertisements in the Southland Times and the Stewart Island News, placing posters and circulating fliers in Oban and at main departure points to the Island, delivering fliers to Oban residents, notifying stakeholders, and having the proposal on Council’s website and through its relevant social media platforms, specifically the Stewart Island/Rakiura community Facebook pages. People could also access a submission form electronically and hard copies of the submission form were actively made available in Oban and all Council’s offices.

Community views

- 52 A summary of the community views captured through the formal consultation process on the draft policy and bylaw have been outlined in the issues section of this report. The full submission booklet has also been attached.
- 53 The community views captured through the preliminary consultation process are fully outlined in the report to the committee dated 1 February 2022.
- 54 Under Section 78 of the LGA, Council must, when deciding how to proceed, give consideration to the views and preferences of persons likely to be affected by, or to have an interest in, the matter.
- 55 There is not a requirement to agree with the submitters, but Council must take into account the views that have been expressed.

Costs and funding

- 56 Costs associated with staff time, advertising and legal advice will be met within current budgets.
- 57 There is likely to be a shortfall in funding if the levy remains at \$5.00 and no change is made to the projects planned for the island. The impact on rates to fund this shortfall would vary, depending on the quantum of the levy. If Council is unable to secure other funding for these projects, it is likely that they will need to be fully funded from rates or the projects delayed.

Policy implications

- 58 The draft policy/bylaw proposes changes to the amount of levy/revenue collected. Freedom travellers and people who travel with an approved operator would pay a levy of \$15.00 rather than the \$5.00 that is currently paid.
- 59 Increasing the quantum of the levy to \$15.00 will enable proposed work that is visitor related to proceed, and lessen the need to increase rates. This will help to alleviate the burden to ratepayers from the high number of short-term visitors to Stewart Island/Rakiura.

Assessment of significance

- 60 Staff have assessed hearing and receiving submissions as not being a significant matter in accordance with the LGA and Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. Staff view Council receiving the submission booklet and hearing speakers will have a low impact on/consequence for:
- the social, economic, environmental, cultural well-being of the district
 - people affected by, or interested in this matter.

Next steps

- 61 It is intended deliberations on the draft policy and bylaw will take place on 11 May 2022. At this meeting, issues and options will be presented to Council to assist Council to deliberate and to outline how it would like to proceed.

Attachments

- A Statement of Proposal for review of the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy bylaw and policy
[↓](#)
- B Submissions booklet - Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy policy and bylaw - 2022
consultation [↓](#)



Statement of Proposal

Draft Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Policy and Bylaw

Introduction

Southland District Council is proposing to amend its current bylaw and policy that relate to the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy and would like to know what you think.

This statement of proposal is prepared under ss.83, 86 and 87 of the Local Government Act 2002. This document contains:

- proposed changes and a copy of the draft bylaw and policy showing the changes to be made to those documents
- information about the proposals
- the reasons for the proposals
- how you can have your say
- timetable for consultation
- options.

Proposed changes

It is proposed that the amount of the visitor levy collected would increase from \$5 to \$15. The changes proposed in the draft policy include:

- increasing the amount of levy collected from \$5 to \$15 (including GST) from 1 October 2023
- removing the requirement that public consultation on any increase to the levy occur via the Annual/Long Term Plan process, but continuing to comply with all legal requirements for bylaw and policy review
- allowing multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances, increased from the current 10 years
- wording to clarify the allocations process
- updates to improve legal accuracy.

All proposed changes are identified in the draft policy and draft bylaw included in this Statement of Proposal at attachments A and B.

Note: Under the Southland District Council (Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy) Empowering Act 2012 (Empowering Act), a levy is a sum of money collected from visitors arriving as freedom travellers, and revenue is money collected on behalf of Council by approved operators. To ensure clarity, both types of money collected (levy and revenue) are referred to here as "levy".

The reason for the proposal

The key reasons for this proposal are to:

- ensure the amount collected from the levy sufficiently alleviates the burden to ratepayers, due to the high number of visitors to the island
- ensure the amount of the visitor levy is set at a level that provides an appropriate contribution to activities and services on the island for visitors but does not deter them from visiting

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- ensure the bylaw and policy are legally accurate, including removing the need to consult on a levy increase through consulting on the Annual Plan or Long Term Plan, which is not provided for in the Empowering Act
- allow for funding to be allocated (in exceptional circumstances) to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure, because many infrastructure projects have a life longer than 10 years
- enhance understanding of the allocations process and make other changes to clarify the policy for readers.

How you can have your say

Anyone can make a submission online at www.makeitstick.nz/visitorlevy.

Submissions will be accepted from 8am on 1 March 2022 and must be received by 5pm on 1 April 2022.

All submissions should state:

- the submitter's name
- the submitter's contact details
- whether or not the submitter would like to speak to Council about this matter.

If you need help submitting please contact Council at 0800 732 732, or call in to one of Council's offices. All written submissions made to Council will be acknowledged and made available to the public.

Council intends to hold a hearing on 27 April 2022. This is when anyone who has made a written submission and who has said they would like to speak to Council, can do so at a Council meeting. This meeting is open to the public. If you indicate you would like to be heard, Council staff will get in touch with you to arrange a time for you to speak at the hearing. If at the hearing you have any requirements, please let us know. Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

Timetable for consultation

The dates below outline the timetable for the consultation process. Any changes to these dates will be publicly advised on Council's Facebook page and website.

DATE	ACTIVITY
22 February 2022	Council adopted the proposal for consultation
1 March 2022	Consultation period begins (8am)
1 April 2022	Consultation period ends (5pm)
27 April 2022	Oral submissions heard by Council. Covid national protection framework levels may impact the hearing date and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

Information about the proposal

Background

Although Stewart Island/Rakiura has a small resident population (approximately 500 ratepayers, but fewer full-time residents), it is a destination for a large number of short-term visitors. Since the introduction of the levy in 2013, there has been an average of 38,700 visitors per year. This does not include people who



are exempt from paying the levy, such as those 18 and under, so this figure is lower than the actual number of visitors. This creates a unique funding challenge for Council and the community.

The Empowering Act allows Council to set and collect levies from visitors to Stewart Island/Rakiura.

The funds collected must be used for:

- funding, wholly or in part, activities used by visitors
- funding, wholly or in part, activities on the island for the benefit of visitors
- mitigating the adverse effects of visitors on the environment of the island.

This means Council activities are eligible, such as public toilets, parks, streetscapes, jetties, electricity supply, wastewater, roading, stormwater and waste services, as well as the activities of other community agencies such as visitor promotion/information and ecology/environmental protection.

Approved operators (Stewart Island Flights, Real NZ (formerly Real Journeys), ISS McKay for cruise ships) collect \$5 from each passenger aged 18 and over in accordance with the Empowering Act and the contracts Council has entered into with the approved operators. Visitors who travel to the island by other means (freedom travellers) pay the \$5 levy which is set under the bylaw. Residents do not pay the levy. There has been no change to the levy amount since its inception in 2013.

Levy funds are allocated by way of application to the Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Allocations Subcommittee (the subcommittee). Applications will only be eligible for funding if they meet the requirements of the Empowering Act. The subcommittee has discretion whether or not eligible applications will receive funding.

The bylaw sets the rate of the levy that is imposed, details about how the levy is collected and an offence and penalty section. The policy covers operational aspects, including who is liable to pay levies and how the levy will be collected, administered, allocated and enforced.

The main reason for the review of the current bylaw and policy is in relation to the amount of the levy. However, as with the formal review of any policy or bylaw, it is open to Council to consider other changes.

If Council decides to change the levy amount, any increase would not occur until October 2023, due to the contracts with approved operators who collect the levy on behalf of Council.

Information about the proposal to increase the quantum of the levy

To assess whether the current \$5 visitor levy is appropriate, the costs of activities that visitors use, benefit from or mitigate environment effects (in line with the Empowering Act) have been examined. This has identified:

- the total cost of visitor related activities on the island is projected to be around \$9.7 million over the next eight years (using Council's Long Term Plan (LTP) project list as a basis)
- \$7.3 million of this relates to activities provided by Council and \$2.4 million relates to activities provided by other community agencies
- for each year, an average of \$1.2 million (\$1.4 million including GST) is needed to fund activities that are visitor related
- an average of \$168,000 per year (\$194,000 including GST) is currently collected from the visitor levy.

Council used two methods to estimate visitors' share of activity costs: an LTP project approach, and a depreciation approach (refer to attachment C for further detail). The forecasted costs show that the current visitor levy at \$5 is likely to be insufficient to fund the projected future cost of visitor-related activities.



Depending on the share of activity costs estimated to be related to visitors' use, the project approach shows that the levy would need to increase to between \$11 and \$30. This depreciation approach has been used to verify that the annual costs resulting from the project approach (using the shorter LTP period) are reasonable. The estimated annual costs using both approaches are very similar with the depreciation approach showing that the levy would need to increase to between \$9 and \$26.

Why \$15?

Council is proposing a levy quantum of \$15 to ensure visitors contribute a reasonable amount towards these costs and to alleviate the rates burden of these costs on ratepayers.

In addition, the proposed increase to \$15 would be catching up on increased costs and inflation since collection of the levy started, and anticipates further increases before any change would come into effect in October 2023. Due to the bylaw amendment process and agreements with the operators who collect the levy, it is not viable to build in frequent incremental increases to the bylaw and policy in line with inflation, so a \$15 quantum is considered to be a reasonable increase.

What activities should be included?

Council has received feedback in the past requesting more information on what the levy funds will be spent on, in order to link visitor related costs on the island to the levy amount.

There are a lot of different views about what is or is not 'visitor related'. The Empowering Act contains the main criteria for assessing whether something is eligible for levy funding. As discussed above, this means an activity that is wholly or in part used by visitors, is for the benefit of visitors, or mitigates the adverse effects of visitors on the environment of the island.

The scope of what is eligible for funding has not changed since the levy has come into effect. Modelling has been based on what is eligible under the Empowering Act, recognising that the subcommittee has the full discretion to assess eligible applications based on their merits, and decide whether to allocate funding.

What would happen if the visitor levy is less than the recommended \$15 (ie/it remains at \$5 or was increased to \$10)?

All levy funding received contributes towards the grants given to Council and other organisations providing visitor related activities. The higher the levy, the greater the contribution towards visitor related costs. Less funding results in both Council and other organisations having to seek other funding sources or making decisions to delay or not undertake some activities or projects. For Council, any reduction in funding will generally mean an increase in rates for ratepayers on the island and/or across the district, or a decision to delay or delete projects. For other organisations, a reduction in grants will most likely require other funding to be found and if unsuccessful, these entities may then have to reduce or discontinue the service or delay/not undertake projects.

The modelling in attachment C shows that the average annual cost of providing visitor related activities is around \$1.4 million (including GST). The project approach indicates that between \$415,000 and \$1.18 million (including GST) of this amount relates to visitors. The depreciation approach estimates the annual amount related to visitor use slightly lower, at between \$340,000 to \$1 million (including GST).

If the visitor levy amount remains \$5, with an estimated total revenue of around \$194,000 and no change is made to the projects planned for the island, there is likely to be a shortfall in funding. This shortfall would be between \$221,000 to \$986,000 (including GST) using the project approach and between \$146,000 to \$806,000 using the depreciation approach.

An increase in the visitor levy to \$10 (including GST) would sit at the low end of the forecasted ranges of funding costs for the island, with an estimated total revenue of \$387,000. If the visitor levy was increased to



\$10, the shortfall in funding would reduce to between \$28,000 to \$793,000 using the project approach or between \$0 to \$613,000 using the depreciation approach.

Options for the visitor levy amount

OPTION 1: INCREASE THE VISITOR LEVY TO \$15 (PROPOSED)	
Advantages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> an increase in available funds will better provide for visitors to the island and contribute towards relieving the rates burden on this community and/or district ratepayers enables a greater contribution to eligible grant requests, both from Council and other organisations. This higher contribution will enable services to continue or be improved and for more projects to be funded from the levy and generally undertaken without delays. 	Disadvantages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> is not consistent with the feedback from preliminary consultation, that supported an increase to \$10, not \$15 may impact affordability of getting to the island for some people approved operators may not agree to collecting the levy funds on behalf of Council, if it is raised to \$15 (which would create a challenge around collecting the levy).
OPTION 2: INCREASE THE VISITOR LEVY TO \$10	
Advantages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> is consistent with the feedback from preliminary consultation, that supported an increase to \$10 provides some increase in funds to better provide for visitors to the island and may relieve the rates burden on this community and/or district ratepayers enables a greater contribution to eligible grant requests, both from Council and other organisations. This higher contribution will enable services to continue or be improved and for more projects to be funded from the levy and generally undertaken without delays. 	Disadvantages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> increasing the levy to \$10 may not sufficiently increase available funds for visitor related projects on the island and may increase the rates burden on this community and/or district ratepayers for Council related projects may not be sufficient to fund grant requests for other organisations resulting in no increase or a reduction in service levels and/or any projects being delayed or cancelled pending other funding sources may impact affordability of getting to the island for some people approved operators may not agree to collecting the levy funds on behalf of Council, if it is raised to \$10 (which would create a challenge around collecting the levy).
OPTION 3: KEEP THE VISITOR LEVY AT \$5	
Advantages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> this is in line with some community views obtained through the pre-consultation process the community, stakeholders and approved operators are familiar with this levy amount. 	Disadvantages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> keeping the levy at \$5 will not increase available funds for visitor related projects on the island and may increase the rates burden on this community and resulting in organisations seeking other funding sources, possibly leading to a reduction in services provided, projects delayed or not undertaken inflation rate increases since the inception of the \$5 levy means that the level of service or



	<p>the quantum of projects will continue to reduce over time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> this option is not in line with the majority of stakeholder and community views that the quantum of the levy should be increased.
OPTION 4: CHANGE THE VISITOR LEVY TO ANOTHER AMOUNT	
<p>Advantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> may better incorporate community views. 	<p>Disadvantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> anything that is a significant departure from the options set out this proposal may require further consultation.

Other proposed changes

Annual/Long Term Plan consultation requirement

Part 5.0 of the current policy states that public consultation will occur via an Annual Plan/LTP process and a bylaw amendment process, in the event an increase in the levy is considered. It is proposed to continue to consult using a bylaw amendment process, but to remove the requirement to consult via an Annual Plan/LTP process. The inclusion of the policy requirement to consult via the Annual Plan/LTP adds the requirement that Council consult on its Annual Plan when it may not otherwise have done so. The proposed change does not alter the nature of the public engagement process that is followed to review the bylaw and policy.

Options for the proposal to remove the requirement to consult on any change to the levy amount through an Annual/LTP process

OPTION 1: CONTINUE TO CONSULT USING A BYLAW AMENDMENT PROCESS, REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT TO CONSULT VIA ANNUAL PLAN/LTP PROCESS, IN THE EVENT AN INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT IS CONSIDERED (PROPOSED)	
<p>Advantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> this proposed change does not alter the nature of the public engagement process that would be followed to review the bylaw and policy improves efficiency and reduces the cost to review the amount of the levy in future years. 	<p>Disadvantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> some people may want the levy amount to be reviewed via the Annual Plan/LTP.
OPTION 2: RETAIN THE CURRENT POLICY THAT REQUIRES PUBLIC CONSULTATION TO OCCUR VIA AN ANNUAL PLAN/LTP PROCESS AND A BYLAW AMENDMENT PROCESS, IN THE EVENT AN INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT IS CONSIDERED	
<p>Advantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ensures that Council reviews the amount of the levy in the context of the Annual Plan or LTP process. 	<p>Disadvantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> retains the requirement that Council consult on its Annual Plan/LTP when it may not have otherwise done so may delay or involve further resources to review of the levy amount in future years, due to the timing and requirements of Annual Plan/LTP consultation processes is not required by the Empowering Act.



Increase to multi-year funding time period for infrastructure projects

Part 10.3 of the current policy allows the subcommittee to commit to giving funds to an applicant in future applicant rounds for:

- up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds)
- up to three years for operational costs (the current allocation round, and the next two allocation rounds)
- one year for community projects (just the current allocation round).

Council is proposing to allow multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure, in exceptional circumstances. This is because for larger capital infrastructure projects, a limit of 10 years of funding may be insufficient.

Options for the proposal to increase the multi-year funding time period for infrastructure projects

OPTION 1: ALLOW MULTI-YEAR FUNDING OF UP TO 30 YEARS FOR COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY OWNED INFRASTRUCTURE, IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES (PROPOSED)	
Advantages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • better matches the “use” of the expenditure with the “life” of the expenditure by spreading the levy contributions over a period closest to the “life” of the expenditure • a 30-year loan period is likely to better match long-life capital expenditure on works such as jetties, footpaths, buildings and wastewater • may improve intergenerational equity by sharing the costs of a capital projects across the generations who are likely to use it. 	Disadvantages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some people may think multi-year funding of up to 30 years is too long a time period.
OPTION 2: RETAIN THE CURRENT POLICY, THAT ALLOWS MULTI-YEAR FUNDING UP TO 10 YEARS FOR COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY OWNED INFRASTRUCTURE	
Advantages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • multi-year funding up to 10 years is what the subcommittee and stakeholders are used to. 	Disadvantages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a 10 year maximum loan period may not match the “life” of some capital expenditures • does not improve intergenerational equity by sharing the costs of a capital projects across the generations who are likely to use it.

Other minor changes

Other minor changes are also proposed to enhance clarity and legal accuracy. All proposed changes are identified in the draft bylaw and policy included within this Statement of Proposal at attachment A and B.



Options for other minor changes

OPTION 1: MAKE OTHER MINOR CHANGES TO THE DRAFT BYLAW AND POLICY (PROPOSED)	
Advantages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the policy will be clearer and easier to understand improved legal accuracy enhances compliance with legislation. 	Disadvantages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> including minor changes means those interested in the consultation have more to consider and they may not focus as easily on the key changes.
OPTION 2: DO NOT MAKE ANY OTHER CHANGES TO THE POLICY AND BYLAW	
Advantages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> no further changes simplifies what Council is consulting on. 	Disadvantages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the bylaw and policy are not clarified or enhanced to better reflect the legislation.

What happens next?

After Council has received written and oral submissions, Council will make decisions on the draft bylaw and policy, likely in May 2022. Council may make other changes to the draft bylaw and policy, but anything that is a significant departure from the options set out in this proposal may require further consultation.

Determinations

The Empowering Act requires Council to make the bylaw in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002. That means Council has to make the following determinations set out in s.155 of that Act in relation to the draft bylaw. Given the limited scope of the bylaw, the s.155 determinations are brief.

The draft bylaw is the most appropriate way of addressing the perceived problem - Council recognises the strain being placed on the environment and local infrastructure by visitors. The small rating base of the island contributes to funding challenges for Council and increasing the levy amount in the bylaw is intended to help meet costs attributable to visitors.

The draft bylaw is the most appropriate form of bylaw - The draft bylaw has been prepared and structured for ease of reference and interpretation. The draft bylaw is consistent with the Empowering Act.

The draft bylaw does not give rise to any implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 - The New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 grants certain rights to people in New Zealand. Council resolved that the provisions of the proposed Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Bylaw do not unreasonably interfere with any of these rights

Attachment A



DRAFT Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Policy

Group responsible: **Activity Manager Community Assistance Democracy and community**

Date approved: **12 December 2012**

Date amended: **xx**

File number: **R/21/5/25833**

1.0 Purpose

This policy provides guidance on governance and administration of the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy. The policy outlines who is liable to pay levies and revenue and how levies and revenue will be collected, administered, allocated and enforced.

2.0 Background

Although Stewart Island/Rakiura has a small resident population, it is a destination for a large number of short-term visitors. This creates a unique funding challenge for Council.

The Southland District Council (Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy) Empowering Act 2012 (the act) was passed into law on 26 March 2012. The act empowers Council to set and collect levies and obtain revenue from visitors to Stewart Island/Rakiura. Under the act, funds must be used to better provide services, facilities, amenities for island visitors, or mitigate environmental effects.

3.0 Definitions

ACCOUNTABILITY FORM	This is a form that must be completed by applicants after they have received funding, so Council is informed how the applicant has spent the funds and so Council is aware of any benefits that have been achieved with the funds
ACTIVITY	Has the meaning given in s.5(1) of the Local Government Act 2002: A good or service provided by, or on behalf of, a local authority or a council-controlled organisation; and includes— (a) the provision of facilities and amenities; and (b) the making of grants; and (c) the performance of regulatory and other governmental functions

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AGENT	A business entity that enters into a contractual arrangement with Council to collect the levy from its passengers on behalf of Council
APPROVED OPERATOR	<p>A person who owns or operates or is otherwise in control of a transport vessel and who enters into a contract with the Council—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) relating to the provision of a service to carry to or from the island passengers who, but for the contract, would be visitors to the island; and (b) providing for revenue to be collected from the passengers; and (c) that has the effect of bringing passengers carried by the operator within the definition of an excluded visitor; and (d) including any other terms and conditions that may be agreed from time to time by the approved operator and the Council <p>The Approved Operators are RealNZ Journeys Limited (currently trading as Stewart Island Experience), Stewart Island Flights Limited and ISS McKay Limited on behalf of the cruise ships</p>
A STAFF MEMBER	A staff member from Council
<u>BYLAW</u>	<u>Means the Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Bylaw</u>
CONTRACTOR	A contractor approved by Council
COUNCIL	Southland District Council
DEPENDENT	A person primarily under the care and responsibility of another person, living with that person as a member of their family and substantially reliant on that person for financial support
EXCLUDED VISITOR	<p>A person who is not to be treated as a visitor because the person—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) travels to the island under a contract of carriage with an Approved Operator; or (b) is the owner or is otherwise in control of a transport vessel or is employed, or under contract, to work on a transport vessel; or (c) is one whose visit is entirely within the boundaries of the Rakiura National Park; or (d) is visiting the island for a continuous period of 21 days or more; or (e) is a person under the age of 18 years on the date of arrival on the island
FREEDOM TRAVELLER	A visitor who travels to the island by means other than as a passenger of an Approved Operator. This includes chartered vessels and independent travel. It does not include people who



	travel via the ferry (with RealNZ Journeys Limited), scheduled flights (Stewart Island Flights) or cruise ships
GST	Goods and services tax chargeable under the Goods and Services Act 1985
ISLAND	Stewart Island/Rakiura
LEVY	The sum of money (inclusive of GST) collected under the Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Bylaw 2019 from persons who are visitors to the island
MĀORI LAND	Has the meaning given in s.4 of the Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993: Māori customary land and Māori freehold land
RAKIURA MAORI LANDS TRUST	The Rakiura Māori Lands Trust is governed by seven trustees appointed by the Māori Land Court upon recommendation from the beneficial owners. The Rakiura Māori Lands Trust holds lands and funds in trust for many Rakiura Māori descendants
RATEPAYER	A person who is named on a current rates notice of a rating unit on the island. Only persons who are named on current rates notices are considered to be ratepayers, regardless of who funds rates payments
RESIDENT	A person recognised as living on the island for electoral residency purposes under s.23 of the Local Electoral Act 2001
REVENUE	Revenue (inclusive of GST) collected from excluded visitors, in place of any levy imposed by the Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Bylaw 2019, by an Approved Operator in accordance with a contract entered into for the purpose with Council
SUBCOMMITTEE	The Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Allocation Subcommittee
TENANT	A person who has a tenancy agreement for a rating unit on the island under the provisions of the Residential Tenancies Act 1986
THE ACT	The Southland District Council (Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy) Empowering Act 2012
TRANSPORT VESSEL	(a) means a ship, aircraft, or other vessel carrying passengers to or from the island, whether or not— (i) there is a charge for any or all of those passengers; or (ii) any charge is part of a tourist package; or (iii) the vessel is operated commercially; or (iv) the vessel is used for freight as well as passengers; and (b) includes— (i) a regular ferry or air service to the island; and



	(ii) a cruise ship whose passengers disembark to land on the island
VISITOR	<p>Any person who—</p> <p>(a) travels to or from the island, whether for a single day or for any continuous period of less than 21 days, by any transport vessel; but</p> <p>(b) is not a person who,—</p> <p>(i) for the purposes of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, is a ratepayer in respect of a rating unit on the island; or</p> <p>(ii) is a resident of the island by virtue of being a resident for electoral residency purposes under s.23 of the Local Electoral Act 2001; or</p> <p>(iii) is a tenant of a rating unit for the purposes of the Residential Tenancies Act 1986; or</p> <p>(iv) is the spouse, civil union partner, de facto partner, or dependant of a ratepayer or tenant; or</p> <p>(v) is a beneficiary of the Rakiura Māori Land Trust or who has an ownership interest in a Māori land block on the island; or</p> <p>(vi) is an excluded visitor.</p>

4.0 Collection

The act provides for the collection of money from two sources:

1. **revenue;** and
2. **levy.**

The definitions of revenue and levy are found in section '3.0 Definitions' above. Council will set the revenue and levy at the same amount.

Through contractual arrangements, Council will collect revenue from passengers who travel with Approved Operators. Approved Operators include RealNZ Journeys Limited (currently trading as Stewart Island Experience), Stewart Island Flights Limited and ISS McKay Limited on behalf of the cruise ships. Passengers will pay the Approved Operator in accordance with the terms of carriage (i.e. the revenue will form part of their ticket price). If the passenger travels via an Approved Operator and pays a local or child fare, the Approved Operator will not charge the revenue.

Under the ~~Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Bylaw 2019~~, Council will collect the levy. The levy will be collected from freedom travellers (i.e. those who are visitors under the act, so it does not include people who travel with an Approved Operator). Where a person is a freedom traveller the categories of exemption outlined in Clause 4.1 below apply. This means that if a freedom traveller is not exempt, he or she will have to pay the levy.



4.1 Who pays

All individuals travelling to Stewart Island/Rakiura, including freedom travellers, must pay the levy or pay revenue to an Approved Operator unless they are exempt under the following:

- residents, ratepayers and tenants of Stewart Island/Rakiura and their spouses, civil union partners, de facto partners, or dependents;
- beneficiaries of the Rakiura Māori Land Trust or individuals who have an ownership interest in a Māori land block on the island;
- visitors who remain on the island for any continuous period of 21 days or more;
- owners of a transport vessel or individuals employed under contract to work on a transport vessel;
- individuals whose visit is entirely within the boundaries of the Rakiura National Park; or
- persons under the age of 18 years on the date of arrival on the island.

Where the resident or ratepayer exemption applies to a person, the exemption does not automatically apply to the whole family or group. The exemption applies to the ratepayer(s) set out on the rates notice and their spouse, civil union partner, de facto partner and dependents. This does not include visiting adult children or grandchildren (unless they are dependents).

Holiday home owners are exempt if they are a ratepayer on the Council's rates notice. However, beneficiaries of family trusts will not be exempt unless they are designated by name as ratepayers on Council rates notice, or they meet one of the other reasons for exemption outlined above.

The exemption does not apply to visiting trades-people unless the person stays for more than 21 consecutive days. Visitors undertaking volunteer work are also required to pay the levy unless they fall within a category of exemption.

Visiting entirely within the boundaries of the Rakiura National Park means the person visiting does not arrive or leave through the township of Oban.

5.0 Calculation

The amount of the levy is set out in the ~~Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Bylaw~~ and is ~~\$5.00 before 1 October 2023 and \$15 on or after 1 October 2023. The revenue is set at the same amount.~~

~~In the event an increase in the levy or revenue amount is considered, public consultation will occur via the Southland District Council Annual/Long Term Plan process and a bylaw amendment process.~~ If Council decides to increase the levy amount, Approved Operators will receive 15 months lead in time before they start collecting the new amount and the increase will not take effect until 1 October in the year following the decision to adopt ~~the plan a new or amended bylaw and policy.~~

5.1 Arrangements with Approved Operators

Approved Operators will collect revenue on behalf of Council in accordance with contractual arrangements. The contractual arrangements will be negotiated for each Approved Operator taking into account the individual circumstances of each transport business.

Apart from ISS McKay Limited, Approved Operators will collect revenue from passengers on both inbound and outbound journeys (~~\$2.50 half the revenue amount~~ each way). This allows for passengers



who use different modes of transport to travel to and from the island and allows the revenue to be apportioned across the modes of transport on an equitable basis.

ISS McKay Limited will collect ~~the~~ revenue ~~amount~~ (\$15) from each passenger (carried to or from Stewart Island/Rakiura (or its internal waters) on behalf of Southland District Council. This applies regardless of whether or not that passenger disembarks and regardless of the number of times the passenger disembarks and embarks.

5.2 Collection of the levy from freedom travellers

The ~~Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy~~ Bylaw outlines levy collection from visitors who travel to the island via private or chartered transportation (i.e. freedom travellers). ~~A~~ The \$15 levy is payable when the visitor arrives on the island. Council has provided a collection box to receive payments or payment can be made at any Council office. The collection box is placed on the Main Wharf in Oban. Freedom travellers can deposit levy payments at this location at any time. Council may also enter into agreements with agents operating chartered vessels, to collect the levy from passengers on behalf of Council.

Only one payment is required per person for the duration of their stay on the island. Travel to neighbouring islands (excluding the mainland) will not constitute leaving the island.

6.0 Proof of exemption

Persons who are not required to pay the visitor levy or revenue can apply for a Southland District Council photo identification card. Southland District Council photo identification cards will be accepted as proof of exemption by Approved Operators and agents. They will also be accepted by enforcement officers monitoring compliance with the ~~Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy~~ Bylaw.

A Southland District Council photo identification card will be issued and renewed at no cost to the applicant. Renewing a Southland District Council photo identification card will require confirmation of entitlement using documentation as set out in Appendix A. Photographs will also be updated at the time of renewal. It is the responsibility of the card holder to advise the Council of any change in contact details or exemption status.

The card remains the property of Southland District Council. Cards are not transferable and cardholders retain sole responsibility for use of the card issued to them. A replacement fee will apply to lost or damaged cards. This fee will be set out in the Southland District Council Schedule of Fees and Charges.

Agreements between Council and Approved Operators with respect to exemption identification are reached on an individual basis and may differ. A Southland District Council photo identification card may be required by the Approved Operator at the time of ticket purchase or boarding the vessel for an exemption to be granted.

Each Approved Operator may choose to compile a list of names eligible for local fares. Eligibility for a local fare is a commercial decision made at the discretion of Approved Operators and is not influenced or administered by Council. Individuals can contact Approved Operators to ascertain whether they maintain such a list and to determine their eligibility for inclusion. Eligibility for local fares may mean that there is no requirement to apply for and carry a photo identification card when travelling.



6.1 Application for exemption

An application to receive a Southland District Council photo identification card can be made by downloading the form from Council's website, attending the Southland District Council office located at 15 Forth Street, Invercargill ~~or and~~ by sending a completed application form to Council (PO Box 903, Invercargill 9840 or contactcs@southlanddc.govt.nz) with a colour passport photo of each applicant.

Applicants are also required to provide documentation which proves their exemption. Examples of accepted documentation to prove exemption status are set out in Appendix A.

7.0 Refunds

People who have been charged the levy but believe that they are exempt under the act can apply to Council to receive a refund.

Refund applications should state the reason for the claim, along with a copy of supporting documentation as set out in Appendix A.

An application for a refund must be made within six months of the date of travel.

8.0 Audit

Council has the ability to audit the collection and payment of the levy by agents and revenue by Approved Operators. Audit procedures may include a review of visitor numbers against funds received.

9.0 Enforcement

Part 2 of the act outlines infringement offences. Any person who evades the payment of a levy payable by that person or falsely claims that he or she is not a visitor commits an infringement offence.

An infringement fee has been set by way of regulation and will be displayed on signs erected on the island. The amount of the infringement fee is \$250. Infringement notices can be issued by Southland District Council Enforcement officers if they observe a person committing an infringement offence or if they have reasonable cause to believe that a person has committed an infringement offence.

Council will use the following to identify who is exempt from paying the levy: Southland District Council photo identification cards, ~~are accepted as proof of exemption. A~~ a ticket issued by an approved transport operator, ~~and~~ a cruise ship boarding pass, ~~or a~~ receipt from the collection box or a levy collection agent will ~~also~~ be accepted as proof of payment of the levy.

10.0 Administration

The subcommittee has the delegated authority and is accountable to Council to ~~will~~ make decisions ~~to approve~~ regarding funding applications ~~from to~~ the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy fund, in accordance with the Act. The subcommittee will meet annually to review applications and allocate funding. It may only allocate funding once a year.



The subcommittee is a subordinate decision-making body of the Community and ~~Policy-Strategy~~ Committee. The subcommittee is subject to standard audit procedures. The Community and ~~Policy-Strategy~~ Committee will be informed of funding decisions via memoranda. Council's Annual Report will contain an itemised statement of the Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy fund each year.

10.1 Subcommittee membership

The subcommittee will consist of the following members appointed by Council:

- the chair of the Community and ~~Policy-Strategy~~ Committee
- the chair of the Finance and ~~Audit-Assurance~~ Committee
- the councillor for Stewart Island/Rakiura
- a representative from the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board
- a representative recommended by each of the Approved Operators (three in total)
- a member to represent iwi
- a member from Stewart Island/Rakiura

The chair of the Community and ~~Policy-Strategy~~ Committee will act as chair of the subcommittee.

The chair of the subcommittee will have a casting vote, which can only be exercised to resolve an evenly split vote.

If the councillor for Stewart Island/Rakiura is also the chair of the Community and ~~Policy-Strategy~~ or the Finance and ~~Audit-Assurance~~ Committee, then an additional councillor will be appointed to the subcommittee, by Council.

Elected members on the subcommittee must act in accordance with Council's Code of Conduct. Council's Standing Orders also apply to the subcommittee. If a subcommittee member has any connection to an application greater than that of the general public, that member should declare an interest in the relevant application, prior to it being considered. In such circumstances, the member affected shall still be entitled to speaking and voting rights, unless the member has a pecuniary interest in the application.

Further information on the appointment of the representatives from the Approved Operators, the iwi representative and the representative from Stewart Island/Rakiura, is provided in Appendix B.

10.2 Applications

The application process will be administered by Council. Advertisements will be placed at the beginning of March seeking applications and outlining the deadline for receipt of applications. The application period will close at the end of March.

Applications to the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy fund must be made using the appropriate documentation provided by Council. All applications must include:

- an outline of the project or work requiring funding, including a timeline;
- if the project involves physical works, scale conceptual plans including site plans;
- any requirement for resource or building consent;
- a business plan for the project including costs and on-going funding requirements, if any;



- evidence of legal status of the applicant (eg, charitable trust or body corporate);
- an assessment of how the project is for the benefit of visitors; and
- declarations of interest.

An application can be made for funding in relation to salary and wages and it can relate to a range of things such as the development or maintenance of existing facilities, services and projects.

Applicants can indicate on their application form if they would like to be heard by the subcommittee.

Late applications will not be considered.

10.3 Allocation process

A three step process will be undertaken to allocate funds. The three steps are:

Step 1 - assessing if the application is eligible for funding

Step 2 - assessing which category the application falls under

Step 3 - allocating funds to applications from each category (using the funding allocation percentages as a guide and based on the strength of the application).

Step 1: Assessing if the application is eligible for funding

To be considered for funding, applications must be consistent with s.6(b) of the act. Section 6(b) states that revenue and levies collected must be used to:

- fund, wholly or in part, activities used by visitors or any class of excluded visitor;
- fund, wholly or in part, activities on the island for the benefit of visitors or any class of excluded visitor; and/or
- mitigate the adverse effects of visitors or excluded visitors on the environment of the island.

If an application is not consistent with s.6(b) of the act, this will be identified by a staff member or contractor.

Where appropriate, a staff member or contractor may liaise with an applicant to discuss their application (e.g. whether further information is needed, or whether there is a minor issue with the application etc). The applicant will be permitted to make minor amendments to their application in this circumstance.

If, after engaging with the applicant, the staff member or contractor thinks the application is still not eligible for funding, the staff member or contractor will communicate this to the subcommittee at the allocation meeting.

Step 2: Assessing which category the application falls under

Applications that are consistent with s.6(b) of the act will be assessed by a staff member or contractor as being in one of the following categories.

Allocation Category	Description
COUNCIL/COMMUNITY OWNED INFRASTRUCTURE	Applications relating to Council's/the community's physical and organisational structures and facilities (e.g.



	<u>buildings, jetties, tracks, power supply, WiFi installation, signage).</u>
OPERATIONAL COSTS	Applications by non-profit organisations to meet their operational needs/requirements. <u>(e.g. printing of maps, visitor experience host, museum operational costs, provision of WiFi service)</u>
COMMUNITY PROJECTS	Applications that do not relate to infrastructure. These applications must be made by Stewart Island/Rakiura resident/s, ratepayer/s or tenant/s. <u>e.g. habitat restoration, picnic tables</u>

A staff member or contractor will communicate to the subcommittee, which category they believe the application falls under. It is possible that an application will fit into more than one category.

Step 3 - Allocating funds in accordance with the funding allocation percentages and based on the strength of the application

Funding allocation categories and percentages

The subcommittee will consider the allocation categories when it allocates funding. Although it has complete discretion, as a guide, the subcommittee may allocate the funding received on an annual basis, to applications in each category in accordance with the funding allocation percentages outlined below.

Allocation Category	Funding Allocations
COUNCIL/COMMUNITY OWNED INFRASTRUCTURE	60-70% (% of the funds available annually that will be allocated to Council/community owned infrastructure)
OPERATIONAL COSTS	20-25% (% of the funds available annually that will be allocated to operational costs)
COMMUNITY PROJECTS	5-10% (% of the funds available annually that will be allocated to community projects)

The strength of the application

The subcommittee will allocate funds to applications in the allocation categories based on the strength of the application. The strength of an application will be determined by the extent it will:

- fund, wholly or in part, activities used by visitors or any class of excluded visitor; or
- fund, wholly or in part, activities on the island for the benefit of visitors or any class of excluded visitor; or
- mitigate the adverse effects of visitors or excluded visitors on the environment of the island.

For applications made by Council (including the Stewart Island/Rakiura community board), the inclusion of a project in Council's Long Term Plan indicates that it has gone through a community engagement process, and Council has endorsed the project as supporting the community's long term objectives.



The subcommittee will have regard to the extent ~~that to which~~ the proposed project will also benefit the local community.

A staff member or contractor will provide guidance to the subcommittee, on the strength of an application.

Committing to allocating funds in the future

The subcommittee can commit to multi-year funding (committing to give funds in an application round, to an applicant in future allocation rounds). This could be done by the subcommittee to commit to service loans drawn, such as to cover capital works projects. When this can occur, and for how many years, relates to the allocation category of the application, and is outlined in the table below.

Allocation categories	The number of years the subcommittee can commit to giving funds to an applicant, in future allocation rounds
COUNCIL/COMMUNITY OWNED INFRASTRUCTURE	up to 10 years (the current allocation round, and the next 9-nine allocation rounds). <u>In exceptional circumstances, the subcommittee may consider a longer term of up to 30 years (the current allocation round, and the next 29 allocation rounds).</u>
OPERATIONAL COSTS	up to three years (the current allocation round, and the next two allocation rounds)
COMMUNITY PROJECTS	one year (just the current allocation round)

Allocations in each funding year will include those funds committed from prior years.

The subcommittee will work with staff to develop a 10 Year Funding Plan as part of each three year Long Term Plan cycle. This plan would then be approved by Council through the Long Term Plan. The plan could be used to provide forecasting around future revenue streams and also to enable the subcommittee to have a view on what proportions it might want to allocate towards multi-year commitments.

General points about allocation

Local and central government can make applications for funding.

Funding can be allocated to an applicant when he/she has received funding for the same or a similar thing, on a previous occasion.

Applicants are not required to have spent the funding that has been allocated to them previously, in order to be eligible for further funding.

The subcommittee can elect to allocate a lower level of funding to an applicant, but it cannot allocate more than what the applicant has requested.



When an application is considered by the subcommittee, the applicant will be notified within two weeks of the subcommittee meeting whether or not their application was successful, and if it was successful, the amount of funding allocated.

The subcommittee will not give further funding to applicants if they have not returned their accountability form to Council (when they have been required by this policy, to do so).

11.0 Accountability

Applicants will be required to complete and provide Council with accountability forms. Accountability forms must be returned to Council before 31 March, the year after the subcommittee grants the applicant funds. If an applicant hasn't used all (or any) of the funds by that time, the accountability form must still be completed. An applicant also must complete the accountability form by 31 March each subsequent year (even if the applicant outlines that no funding has been spent), until all of the funding allocated has been accounted for by way of an accountability form and/or returned to Council and the fund.

Any funds that are not spent by applicants (completing what was outlined in their application), within five years of the decision to allocate the applicant funding, must be returned to Council and the fund.

If any funding is returned, information on the amount and why the funding was returned, will be communicated to the subcommittee at the annual allocation meeting.

12.0 Review

Council will review the ~~Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Bylaw~~ and this policy at any time, as required, but not less than within six years of adoption after the last review.



Appendix A: Documents which can be used to claim exemption or refund

The table below contains a list of documents which will be accepted as proof of exemption from the need to pay the Stewart Island/Rakiura Levy.

These documents will be accepted in relation to (1) applying for a photo identification card and (2) applying for a refund.

Original documentation from both Category A and Category B must be presented concurrently. Council requires proof of both identity and levy exemption status. A current address will need to be provided to receive notice of renewals and other information.

This is not a comprehensive list and other equivalent documents may be accepted when applying for a Southland District Council photo identification card or applying for levy refund.

AT LEAST ONE PHOTO ID MUST BE PRODUCED FROM CATEGORY A (THE NAME ON THE DOCUMENT MUST BE EXACTLY THE SAME AS THE APPLICANTS NAME)	
passport (passports can be accepted up to two years past the expiry date)	
proof of age card with photo	
drivers licence	
public service employee ID card bearing photo	
education ID card bearing photo	
firearms licence	
AT LEAST ONE FORM OF IDENTIFICATION FROM CATEGORY B	
REASON FOR EXEMPTION	EXAMPLE OF ACCEPTED PROOF OF EXEMPTION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ratepayers • tenants • residents 	<p>One or more of the following documents showing name and address on Stewart Island/Rakiura:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • notice of rates or VG number verified by Rates Department. Rates notices must state that the applicant is the owner of the property to which the rates notice was sent and the document must be current at the time of the application • tenancy agreement • utilities bill • insurance renewal advice • motor vehicle registration • electoral roll number • mortgage documents • current land titles office records
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spouses of a ratepayer or tenant • civil union or de facto partner of a ratepayer or tenant • dependents of a ratepayer or tenant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • application to be made in conjunction with the respective person



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rakiura Māori Land Trust beneficiaries. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council may be able to check property rights via the www.maorilandonline.govt.nz website or work with the Rakiura Māori Land Trust to access its database of beneficiaries
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • people under the age of 18 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • passport • school student concession card • birth certificate
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • owners or those working on transport vessels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • employment documentation (eg, payslips, letter from employer)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • visitors whose visit is for 21 days or more 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tickets or invoices showing names and dates of arrival and departure • receipts for accommodation covering the relevant time period



Appendix B: Appointing representatives to the subcommittee

Representative recommended by each of the Approved Operators

Council will request the Approved Operators to nominate a person to be a voluntary member on the subcommittee.

Representative for iwi

Council will, in accordance with its Charter of Understanding with Te Ao Mārama Incorporated, seek an iwi representative to be a voluntary member on the subcommittee. If a willing iwi representative is not identified through liaising with Te Ao Mārama Incorporated, Council will then approach other people who may be suitable for the role.

The appointment of a member to represent iwi will be reviewed every three years, after Council elections.

Representative from Stewart Island/Rakiura

Council will request expressions of interest from Stewart Island/Rakiura residents and ratepayers, to be a voluntary member on the subcommittee. A person will be selected by Council, following consideration of:

- the skills and experience of those interested
- the extent that conflicts of interest would be likely if the individual became a member (there is a preference for minimal/no conflicts being likely)
- the extent that the individual knows tourist/visitor requirements and impacts on the island.

If no-one suitable expresses interest, Council will approach people who may be suitable for the role.

The appointment of the Stewart Island/Rakiura representative will be reviewed every three years, after Council elections.



Attachment B

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Document Revision

Date	Amendments	Amended by	Approved by	Approval date
2012	Original		Council	12 Dec 2012
2019	2019 review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adding/amending definitions of 'Approved Operator' and 'Visitor' • adding the location of the collection box • adding the infringement fee that has been set by way of regulation • removing that payment can be made on website. 	Council	Council	7 February 2019 – to come into effect on 1 July 2019
<u>2022</u>	<u>If applicable: add any amendments here</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>If applicable: x June 2022</u>

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1 Title and commencement

This bylaw may be cited as the Southland District Council Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Bylaw.

This bylaw shall come into force on 1 October 2013.

2 Purpose of bylaw

The bylaw is made to prescribe:

- (a) the rate of the levy that will be imposed on or in respect of visitors; and
- (b) the means by which the levy is to be collected.

This bylaw does not apply to a person who travels to or from Stewart Island/Rakiura under a contract of carriage with an 'Approved Operator' or who is otherwise excluded from the definition of 'visitor'. As at the date of this bylaw the Approved Operators are ~~Real Journeys Limited~~ Real NZ Limited (currently trading as Stewart Island Experience), Stewart Island Flights Limited, and ISS McKay Limited (as agent for the cruise ship operators).

3 Interpretation

In this bylaw, unless the context requires otherwise:

Act	means the Southland District Council (Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy) Empowering Act 2012
Approved Operator	means a person who owns or operates or is otherwise in control of a transport vessel and who enters into a contract with the Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) relating to the provision of a service to carry to or from the Island passengers who, but for the contract, would be visitors to the Island; and (b) providing for revenue to be collected from the passengers; and (c) that has the effect of bringing passengers carried by the operator within the definition of an excluded visitor; and (d) including any other terms and conditions that may be agreed from time to time by the approved operator and the Council
Council	means the Southland District Council
GST	means goods and services tax chargeable under the Goods and Services Act 1985
Levy	means the levy set under clause 4 of this bylaw
Visitor	means any person who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) travels to or from the Island, whether for a single day or for any continuous period of less than 21 days, by any transport vessel; but (b) is not a person who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) for the purposes of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, is a ratepayer in respect of a rating unit on the Island; or (ii) is a resident of the Island by virtue of being a resident for electoral residency purposes under s.23 of the Local Electoral Act 2001; or

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	<p>(iii) is a tenant of a rating unit for the purposes of the Residential Tenancies Act 1986; or</p> <p>(iv) is the spouse, civil union partner, de facto partner, or dependant of a ratepayer or tenant; or</p> <p>(v) is a beneficiary of the Rakiura Māori Land Trust or who has an ownership interest in a Māori land block on the Island; or</p> <p>(vi) is an excluded visitor.</p> <p>For the avoidance of doubt, as at the date of this bylaw, 'visitor' excludes a person who travels to or from Stewart Island/Rakiura under a contract of carriage with an Approved Operator or who is otherwise excluded from the definition of 'visitor'.</p>
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4 Levy for visitors to Stewart Island/Rakiura

The levy for a visitor who travels to Stewart/Island Rakiura is: ~~\$5.00 (inclusive of GST)~~

- (a) \$5.00 (inclusive of GST) before 1 October 2023; and
 (b) \$15.00 (inclusive of GST) after 1 October 2023.

5 Surrounding islands

For the avoidance of doubt, a visitor who has paid a levy for travel to Stewart Island/Rakiura is not required to pay an additional levy for return travel from Stewart Island/Rakiura to a surrounding island.

6 Means of collection of levies

Levies will be collected:

- (a) by Council at any of its offices;
- (b) by Council at its collection box on the Main Wharf in Oban; and
- (c) by agents of the Council appointed to collect levies on its behalf.

Details of the agents who have been appointed to collect levies will be given on the signs erected by the Council at major points of entry on Stewart Island/Rakiura under s.5(3) of the ~~act~~ Act and on Council's website.

7 Offences and penalties

A person commits an infringement offence under the act who:

- (a) evades the payment of a levy payable by that person; or
- (b) falsely claims that he or she is not a visitor.

The infringement fee for each infringement offence has been set by way of a regulation made under the ~~act~~ Act and it is \$250.

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This bylaw has been made and confirmed by a resolution passed at a meeting of Council held on Wednesday 12 December 2012.

THE COMMON SEAL of the }
SOUTHLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL }
was hereunto affixed in the presence of: }

MAYOR

CHIEF EXECUTIVE



Attachment C: Visitor levy amount methodology

How future Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy funding requirements have been estimated

This information has been developed in order to quantify the projected future cost of visitor-related services to inform the discussion about whether the current \$5.00 visitor levy is appropriate to fund visitors' share of activity costs over the next ten years or longer-term.

Visitor-related services are activities that visitors use, that benefit visitors, or that mitigate the adverse effects of visitors, in line with the requirements of the Empowering Act. This includes Council activities such as public toilets, parks, streetscapes, jetties, electricity supply (SIESA), wastewater, stormwater, roading and waste services, as well as the activities of other groups such as visitor promotion/information and ecology/environmental protection.

Council used two methods to estimate visitors' share of activity costs as shown in the table below.

VISITOR RELATED COSTS	HOW VISITOR RELATED COSTS HAVE BEEN ESTIMATED	
	Project Approach	Annual Depreciation Approach
COUNCIL ACTIVITY COSTS	Uses average annual project capital costs from the Council's Long Term Plan (LTP) 2021-2031 for visitor related infrastructure to estimate the projects that are eligible for levy funding. Only infrastructure activities with projects falling within the LTP period are included in the calculation.	Uses the annual depreciation cost for visitor related infrastructure to estimate the annual consumption of the assets on the island which are eligible for levy funding. All infrastructure activities are included in the calculation to reflect all infrastructure is used by visitors over the long-term.
OTHER AGENCY COSTS	Uses average annual operating and capital costs from other community agencies which are associated with visitor related activities. The other agencies include Stewart Island Promotion Association, Rakiura Heritage Trust, Stewart Island / Rakiura Community & Environment Trust and Department of Conservation. These costs have been identified as visitor related costs by these organisations.	

Both of these methods assign a % share of costs related to visitors. This is because only a portion of the total costs are related to visitor use with the residual related to island residents, ratepayers, businesses, organisations etc.

Four scenarios have been used to estimate the proportion of the costs that are visitor related and therefore eligible for a funding contribution from visitors (via the visitor levy). A range of scenarios have been used because Council acknowledges there are likely to be differing opinions about this approach as well as the proportion of costs on the island estimated to relate to visitors. As such, Council has attempted to reflect a range of opinions on these matters by using four scenarios for each calculation approach to estimate what levy quantum(s) may be required.

The four share allocation scenarios are:

- fixed share** - a consistent estimate that 30% of each activity costs (project or depreciation) relate to visitors irrespective of variations in visitor use/benefit between projects
- low estimate** - a low/conservative estimate of each activity costs (project or depreciation) attributable to visitors. A range of between 5% to 75% has been assigned to each project as being related to visitors



- (c) **high estimate** - a high/optimistic estimate of each activity costs (project or depreciation) attributable to visitors. A range of between 50% to 100% has been assigned to each project as being related to visitors
- (d) **mixed estimate** - a mixed “best” estimate of activity costs (project or depreciation) attributable to visitors based on varying degrees of visitor-related use/benefit/mitigation. A range of between 25% to 90% has been assigned to each project as being related to visitors.

Using this range recognises there is no single “right” answer to the proportion of costs that relate to visitor use, but does provide an indication of whether the current levy at \$5.00 is enough to fund the projected future demands for visitor-related services.

What the data shows about future visitor-related activity costs

Project Approach (estimating annual costs over LTP period)

Table 1 estimates visitors’ share of activity costs based on Council’s capital projects programmed for the island in the LTP 2021-2031 and a mix of operating and capital project costs for other island organisations. This approach shows the total cost of Stewart Island/Rakiura project related activity costs are projected to be around \$9.7 million over the next eight years with an average cost of \$1.2 million per annum (excluding GST). \$7.3 million of this relates to capital projects for infrastructure provided by Council (\$907,000 per annum) and \$2.4 million relates to operating and capital costs of activities provided by other community organisations (\$299,000 per annum). An explanation of what the information in the table shows and the sources of the information is included from page 6.

The scenarios show that the current visitor levy at \$5.00 (including GST) is likely to be insufficient to fund the projected future cost of visitor-related activities. **Depending on the share of activity costs estimated to be related to visitor use (scenarios a-d), the levy would need to increase to between \$11 and \$30 (including GST) using this approach as shown at the bottom of Table 1.**

Depreciation Approach (estimating annual costs over life of the asset)


Table 2 estimates visitors’ share of activity costs using annual depreciation costs for Council infrastructure on the island and a mix of operating and capital project costs for other island organisations (given that annual depreciation for other organisation activities is not relevant to operating costs). Annual depreciation has been used to estimate the amount of infrastructure that is used up each year taking into account the life of the asset and how long it is expected to last before it needs to be replaced. This second approach has been used to verify that the annual costs resulting from the project approach (using the shorter LTP period) are reasonable. In this scenario, Council has included depreciation on all infrastructure provided on the island, including roading and stormwater (which were not included in the project approach given no renewals of these assets were programmed within the LTP period). This approach shows the annual cost of Stewart Island/Rakiura activity costs are also projected to be around \$1.2 million per annum (excluding GST) with \$890,000 of this related to capital projects for infrastructure provided by Council and \$299,000 related to operating and capital costs of activities provided by other community organisations.

The scenarios in this approach also show that the current visitor levy at \$5 (including GST) is also likely to be insufficient to fund the projected future cost of visitor-related activities. **Depending on the share of activity costs estimated to be related to visitor use (scenarios a-d), the levy would need to increase to between \$9 and \$26 (including GST) using this approach as shown at the bottom of Table 2.**

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Table 1: Project approach - visitor-related Stewart Island/Rakiura activities / projects eligible for Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy funding between 2023-2031

Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor-related activities	Total budgeted project costs 2023- 2031	Estimate of the share of the activity related to visitor use					\$ eligible for levy funding based on estimated share			
		Range				Explanation of how activity relates to visitors (either used by visitors, for their benefit or to mitigate adverse effects of visitors)	(excluding GST)			
		(a) Fixed Share 30%	(b) Low Estimate	(c) High Estimate	(d) Mixed Estimate		(a) Fixed Share 30%	(b) Low Estimate	(c) High Estimate	(d) Mixed Estimate
Council infrastructure project capital costs (project code) - sourced from Southland District Council's LTP 2021-2031										
Toilets (received levy funds in the past) Rates collected for this activity are paid by all ratepayers in Southland (via district rate)	325,105						97,206	195,063	325,105	292,595
Golden Bay, Horseshoe Bay toilet refurbishment and Braggs Bay and Moturau Moana toilet renewal (P-10637, P-10638, P-10639)	325,105	30%	60%	100%	90%	Public toilets on the island are there largely for the benefit of visitors and to help mitigate the adverse effects of visitors. If there were not such a high number of visitors to the island, public toilets would be less likely to be required.	97,206	195,063	325,105	292,595
Parks & reserves (received levy funds in the past) Rates collected for this activity are paid by ratepayers on Stewart Island/Rakiura (via local rate)	72,383						21,643	38,240	65,828	46,162
Moturau Gardens -roofing and foreshore playground equipment (P-10806, P-10807)	72,383	30%	53%	91%	64%	Playground equipment is used by both local residents and visitors to the Island. Given the small island population, the amount and frequency of playground equipment maintenance and replacement would be lower if the playgrounds were only used by residents. The gardens are available for use by both residents and visitors. However, visitors are likely to be more frequent users with the botanic garden walk featuring New Zealand native plants. As such the gardens have a primary benefit for visitors.	21,643	38,240	65,828	46,162
Streetscapes (received levy funds in the past) Rates collected for this activity are paid by ratepayers on Stewart Island/Rakiura (via local rate)	42,821						12,803	27,834	40,680	34,257
Baker Park tracks (P -10856)	42,821	30%	65%	95%	80%	With the high proportion of visitors that choose to walk around the island on foot, footpaths are of primary benefit for visitors. They also mitigate the adverse effects of the safety risk of high numbers of pedestrians walking on the road. The provision and maintenance of footpaths is a priority due to the higher number of visitors.	12,803	27,834	40,680	34,257
Jetties (received levy funds in the past) Rates collected for this activity are paid by ratepayers on Stewart Island/Rakiura (via local rate)	3,566,452						1,066,369	2,099,389	3,388,453	2,597,852
Golden Bay wharf investigation and renewal (P-10670, P-10671). Main wharf infill investigation (P-10855)	2,376,668	30%	54%	93%	69%	Golden Bay Wharf is the departure spot for all trips to Ulva Island, a major visitor activity, and therefore for the benefit of visitors. Renewal and refurbishment also mitigates the adverse effects of visitors, due to wear and tear from boats. It is acknowledged that non-visitor operations also use Golden Bay Wharf, including recreational boats. The main wharf provides for activities that visitors and residents use.	710,624	1,277,058	2,212,671	1,628,540
Stewart Island wharves - refurbishment (Millar's Beach, Fred's Camp) and renewal (Millar's Beach) (P-10674, P-10675, P-10686, P-10854)	280,031	30%	50%	95%	70%	The island wharves provide residents and visitors with access to special parts of the island. A number of wharves are predominantly used for visitor activities (like tramping/hunting) and are of primary benefit to visitors. The refurbishment and upkeep of these wharves also ensures that visitor access to different parts of the island is managed, which also helps to mitigate adverse effects that visitors may otherwise have.	83,729	140,016	266,029	196,022
Ulva Island wharf causeway renewal (P-10854)	909,753	30%	75%	100%	85%	The Ulva Island wharf provides for activities that visitors use and is used almost exclusively by visitors. Renewal and refurbishment also mitigates the adverse effects of visitors, due to wear and tear from boats.	272,016	682,315	909,753	773,290
SIESA (no levy funds in the past but are eligible) Rates for this activity are paid by ratepayers on Stewart Island/Rakiura (via local rate)	1,903,251						569,072	95,163	951,626	475,813
Transmission and generation renewal programme (P-10632, P10636)	1,903,251	30%	5%	50%	25%	While electricity on the island is not specifically for the benefit of visitors, it does directly contribute to activities and services used by visitors. Notably, without visitors staying at accommodation, using restaurants, cafes and other attractions, the amount of electricity required for the island would likely be significantly less. Electricity used by visitors on the island may be greater than 50%. However, as visitors contribute towards the cost of electricity through the price of goods and services they purchase while on the island, an allocation of between 25% and 50% represents a reasonable allocation of the benefit to visitors.	569,072	95,163	951,626	475,813
Waste services (no levy funds in the past but are eligible) Rates for this activity are paid by ratepayers on Stewart Island/Rakiura (via local rate)	54,055						16,162	2,703	40,541	13,514

Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor-related activities		Total budgeted project costs 2023- 2031	Estimate of the share of the activity related to visitor use				\$ eligible for levy funding based on estimated share				
			Range				Explanation of how activity relates to visitors (either used by visitors, for their benefit or to mitigate adverse effects of visitors)	(excluding GST)			
								(a) Fixed Share 30%	(b) Low Estimate	(c) High Estimate	(d) Mixed Estimate
Replacement collection vehicle (P-10424)		54,055	30%	5%	75%	25%	Waste management services mitigate the adverse effects of visitors. Given that there is a high number of visitors to the island, and the activities of visitors produce daily waste volumes higher than residents (from consuming food, tickets/bookings, media), an allocation of between 25% and 75% is thought to represent a reasonable allocation of benefit. Much less waste would be produced on the island without visitors.	16,162	2,703	40,541	13,514
Wastewater (no levy funds in the past but are eligible) Rates collected for this activity are paid by everyone in a wastewater area across district		1,293,660						386,804	64,683	970,245	323,415
Switchboards, cabinets and pumps (P-10472)		1,293,660	30%	5%	75%	25%	Wastewater services mitigate the adverse effects of residents and visitors by ensuring that sewage is treated and disposed of appropriately. While wastewater services are not specifically for the benefit of visitors, given the high number of visitors to the island, the capacity requirements of this activity are vastly increased to be able to manage higher loads than would otherwise be needed. As such, an allocation of between 25% and 75% is thought to represent a reasonable allocation of benefit.	386,804	64,683	970,245	323,415
Other organisations operating and capital costs - as advised by community groups											
Community Groups (received levy funds in the past) Any decision to collect rates for this activity in the absence of levy funding will subsequently need to identify who is liable for the rate		2,392,825						715,455	1,456,327	2,392,825	1,813,008
Stewart Island Promotion Association - visitor maps and free wifi Rakiura Heritage Trust - operational costs SIRCET (Stewart Island / Rakiura Community & Environment Trust) - operational costs		565,158	30%	64%	100%	78%	Island maps are primarily for the benefit of visitors. Free wifi is primarily for the benefit of visitors, and is a significant factor to improving the visitor experience for many. The museum facility is a key visitor hub mainly used by visitors. As such, some of the operational costs related to the operation of the facility (such as electricity and staffing) are of primary benefit to visitors. The trust is involved in projects that help to restore the ecology of the island through the control of pests and weeds, making the island more attractive to visitors, many of whom travel to the island for a nature/bush experience.	168,982	359,727	565,158	442,258
DOC Rakiura Track maintenance shortfall and capital projects (Chocolate Swamp boardwalk for back country and Rakiura Track projects for Kaipipi Inlet bridge replacement, track hardening and resurfacing, shelter and signage)		1,827,667	30%	60%	100%	75%	Department of Conservation (DOC) tracks are mainly used by visitors to the island for tramping, hunting and recreation. While DOC facilities have not received levy funding in the past, these provide a high level of benefit to visitors, many of whom travel to the island for a wilderness/bush/nature experience. As such, these facilities are eligible to apply for levy funding.	546,472	1,096,600	1,827,667	1,370,750
All project costs (excluding GST)		Total Per annum	9,650,552 1,206,319					2,885,515 360,689	3,979,401 497,425	8,175,302 1,021,913	5,596,615 699,577
Council costs (LTP 21-31)		Total Per annum	7,257,727 907,216					2,170,060 271,258	2,523,074 315,384	5,782,478 722,810	3,783,606 472,951
Other agency costs (community, DOC)		Total Per annum	2,392,825 299,103					715,455 89,432	1,456,327 182,041	2,392,825 299,103	1,813,008 226,626
Average eligible project costs per annum (over 8 years) (including GST)								414,793	572,039	1,175,200	804,513
Projected visitor levy required based on project approach (including GST) ¹								\$11	\$15	\$30	\$21
Current visitor levy (including GST)								\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5
Increase								\$6	\$10	\$25	\$16

(1) The number of visitors is estimated to be 38,700 per annum (average over 7 years since levy introduced).



Table 2: Depreciation approach - visitor-related Stewart Island/Rakiura infrastructure / activities eligible for Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy funding

Council Infrastructure / Activity	Depreciation basis	Annual depreciation (used to estimate annual consumption or use of the asset) (excluding GST)	Estimate of the share of the activity related to visitor use				\$ eligible for levy funding based on estimated share			
			Scenario/range (as per project basis)				(excluding GST)			
			(a) Fixed Share 30%	(b) Low Estimate	(c) High Estimate	(d) Mixed Estimate	(a) Fixed Share 30%	(b) Low Estimate	(c) High Estimate	(d) Mixed Estimate
Wharves	Project costs ¹	71,329	30%	59%	95%	73%	21,399	41,988	67,769	51,957
Sewerage	Revaluation	338,355	30%	5%	75%	25%	101,507	16,918	253,766	84,589
Stormwater	Revaluation	20,206	30%	65%	95%	80%	6,062	13,134	19,195	16,164
Roading	Revaluation ²	139,856	30%	5%	50%	25%	41,957	6,993	69,928	34,964
Waste Services	Cost	22,321	30%	5%	75%	25%	6,696	1,116	16,741	5,580
Footpaths	Revaluation + cost	17,985	30%	65%	95%	80%	5,395	11,690	17,085	14,388
Parks / reserves ³	Cost	8,196	30%	53%	91%	64%	2,459	4,330	7,454	5,227
Toilets	Cost	1,274	30%	60%	100%	90%	382	764	1,274	1,146
SIESA	Cost	267,015	30%	5%	50%	25%	80,105	13,351	133,508	66,754
Total annual Council activity cost		886,537					265,961	110,283	586,720	280,769
Community Groups	Total cost (as per project approach)	Annual average grant (as per project approach)								
Promotions/Trust/SIRCET	565,158	70,645	30%	64%	100%	78%	21,123	44,966	70,645	55,282
DOC	1,827,667	228,458	30%	60%	100%	75%	68,309	137,075	228,458	171,344
Total annual community group cost		299,103					89,432	182,041	299,103	226,626
Total eligible annual costs (excluding GST)		1,185,640					355,393	292,324	885,823	507,395
Eligible annual costs (including GST)							\$408,702	\$336,172	\$1,018,697	\$583,505
Projected visitor levy required based on depreciation approach for Council activities (including GST)⁴							\$11	\$9	\$26	\$15
Current visitor levy (including GST)							\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5
Increase							\$6	\$4	\$21	\$10

(1) Wharves have been estimated to have a life of 50 years.

(2) Roothing depreciation costs have been calculated at 50% of the total annual depreciation to allow for Waka Kotahi's 50% share of costs

(3) Playground depreciation data has been used in the calculation

(4) The number of visitors is estimated to be 38,700 per annum (average over 7 years since levy introduced)



Understanding the information in the project approach (Table 1)

Visitor related Stewart Island/Rakiura projects which could potentially be eligible for levy funding from 2023-2031										
Activity/project (Project code)	Total budgeted project costs 2023-2031	Estimate of the share of the activity related to visitor use (other used by visitors, for their benefit or to mitigate adverse effects of visitors)				5 eligible for levy funding based on estimated share (excluding GST)				Total eligible project costs (including GST)
		Fixed Share (a) 30%	Low Estimate (b) 10%	High Estimate (c) 50%	Mixed Estimate (d) 30%	(a) Fixed Share 30%	(b) Low Estimate	(c) High Estimate	(d) Mixed Estimate	
Toilets (replaced handrails in the past)	325,105					97,206	195,063	325,105	292,595	
Replaced handrails in the past (replaced handrails in the past)	325,105	30%	10%	50%	30%	97,206	195,063	325,105	292,595	
Golden Bay: Replaced handrails in the past (replaced handrails in the past)	325,105	30%	10%	50%	30%	97,206	195,063	325,105	292,595	
Parks and reserves (replaced handrails in the past)	72,383					21,643	41,620	66,954	50,668	
Replaced handrails in the past (replaced handrails in the past)	72,383	30%	10%	50%	30%	21,643	41,620	66,954	50,668	
Golden Bay: Replaced handrails in the past (replaced handrails in the past)	72,383	30%	10%	50%	30%	21,643	41,620	66,954	50,668	
Community Groups (replaced handrails in the past)	2,392,825					715,455	1,506,339	2,392,825	1,851,134	
Replaced handrails in the past (replaced handrails in the past)	2,392,825	30%	10%	50%	30%	715,455	1,506,339	2,392,825	1,851,134	
Golden Bay: Replaced handrails in the past (replaced handrails in the past)	2,392,825	30%	10%	50%	30%	715,455	1,506,339	2,392,825	1,851,134	
All project costs	3,656,552					2,885,515	3,706,402	7,686,842	5,258,458	
Council activity costs (LTP 21-31)	2,312,722					693,817	1,360,166	2,312,722	1,851,134	
Other agency costs (community, DOC)	2,392,825					715,455	1,506,339	2,392,825	1,851,134	
Average eligible project costs per annum (over 8 years) (including GST)	414,793					532,795	1,104,984	755,903	532,795	
Projected visitor levy required (including GST)	\$1.1					\$1.4	\$2.9	\$2.0	\$1.4	
Current visitor levy (including GST)										
Income										

Column 1 describes the visitor activities/projects for Stewart Island/Rakiura which are eligible for levy funding. These describe the areas where there is projected future demand for services from visitors. These have been sourced from Council's Long Term Plan (LTP) 2021-2031 capital project list and from information provided by community groups about their visitor-related costs. These have been grouped by activity (row A) with the details of the project/cost in the rows below each activity (row B). Please note that this is not considered to be an exhaustive list of all the future work scheduled for the island related to visitors and also excludes annual maintenance/operating costs for Council infrastructure which visitors also benefit from. However, it does give an indication of likely future costs. Some projects may also be eligible for funding from other sources including grants, fees and charges, rates. Accordingly, the model assigns a % share of project costs related to visitor use/benefit/mitigation that may be eligible for visitor levy funding assuming the remainder will be funded by grants, fees and charges or rates.

Column 2 shows the total amount budgeted for the various projects/costs from 2023 to 2031. Projects for 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 have generally not been included as any increase in the levy quantum would not take effect until October 2023. However, the adjusted cost of loan-funded projects for Stewart Island jetties (Golden Bay and Ulva Island) scheduled in 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 have been included on the basis that these costs are potentially eligible for loan funding from the levy fund.

Columns 3-6 detail four different scenarios on what % share of the projects/costs might relate to visitors and therefore be eligible for levy funding. A % share has been allocated for each individual project and then weighted to get an average % share for groups of projects as shown in the table. The project % has been considered when thinking about what proportion of the activity is used by visitors or benefits visitors or mitigates the adverse effects of visitors. The remaining % is then assumed to be funded from other sources (like grants, fees/charges or rates). The % share allocations scenarios are as follows:

- Column 3 (a) **fixed share**: a consistent estimate of the project/activity costs that relate to visitors irrespective of variations in visitor use/benefit between projects
- Column 4 (b) **low estimate**: a low/conservative estimate of each project/activity costs attributable to visitors
- Column 5 (c) **high estimate**: a high/optimistic estimate of each project/activity costs attributable to visitors
- Column 6 (d) **mixed estimate**: a mixed "best" estimate of project costs attributable to visitors based on varying degrees of visitor-related use/benefit/mitigation.



Column **7** provides an explanation of how the activity relates to visitors either through visitor use of the service, the general benefit that visitors get from the activity or in terms of how the activity mitigates the adverse effects of visitors.

Column **8-11** uses the % shares in columns 3-6 to calculate the amount of the activity/project costs related to visitors that may potentially be eligible for levy funding for each scenario over the eight-year period.

Row **C** shows the total costs overall, costs per annum (over the eight years) as well as the proportion of these costs that could be attributed to visitors based on the relevant scenario (a), (b), (c) or (d).

Rows **D** shows the total Council-related costs and community group-related costs for each scenario. Council-related project costs are those for toilets, parks, streetscapes, jetties, electricity supply (SIESA), wastewater and waste services. Visitors also benefit from roading and stormwater costs which are not included in the project approach table as there are no projects programmed in the LTP period related to these activities because renewals are not due until after 2031.

Row **E** shows the average cost per year (including GST) of projected future visitor-related costs by scenario.

Row **F** shows what the visitor levy would need to be in order to generate sufficient income to pay for the projected future visitor-related costs by scenario. This is based on 38,700 visitors per annum (which is the average number of visitors over the past seven years). The current levy is \$5.

Row **G** shows the increase in visitor levy required for each scenario.

Notes: *All project costs are representative only and are subject to change. All figures are GST exclusive unless otherwise stated.*

Assumptions

The following assumptions have been made in preparing this information:

1. Capital projects will be fully funded in the year they are carried out rather than loan funded. This assumption has been made to keep the analysis simple and given the uncertainty about whether the subcommittee would commit to 10 to 30-year loan servicing of substantial projects. The current policy only allows 10-year loan funding, but the draft policy proposes to extend this to 30 years for infrastructure projects in exceptional circumstances.
2. In the absence of levy funding for Council-related project costs and, where funding from grants or fees (e.g. commercial wharf user fees for jetties) are less than the total cost of the project, it is assumed that the project will be funded from the rate used to fund the activity as per the rates Funding Impact Statement in the LTP. However, in the event that rate funding would be needed, the projects would most likely be funded via 30-year loans which would be repaid through rates.
3. If community group-related costs do not receive levy funding, it is assumed they will be funded from sources other than rates.

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Q1

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Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

New Zealand (excluding Southland)

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

more than 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

unsure,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
I think a levy of \$10 per adult and \$5 per child to keep the levy family friendly. I don't believe trades people who are there for work should need to pay.

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Q6**unsure**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7**Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Q8**yes (please enter email address):**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

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Phone Number	

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

New Zealand (excluding Southland)

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

more than 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$10,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
Doubling the levy is fair, tripling is too much. Pre-covid Milford Sound used to support almost 1 million visitors, and the STE's didn't charge this much.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**yes**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

This is a precious space that needs to be looked after over and above what the ratepayer already funds.

Q8**no**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#3

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name **David North**
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Southland (excluding Stewart Island/Rakiura)

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

2 to 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$15,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
I understand that the levy applies to tradespeople and DOC volunteers visiting the island to do work there. I realise that exemptions for these people would be open to abuse and may be difficult to implement but it seems wrong that they should pay this levy.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**yes**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7**Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Q8**yes (please enter email address):**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#4

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Time Spent: 00:03:26
IP Address:

Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name Katrina Thomas
Email Address

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Southland (excluding Stewart Island/Rakiura)

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

more than 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$10,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
For visitors only. Not for Trades people or those providing critical services to the Island.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**no**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

A levy for only true visitors.

There could be a price difference between domestic and international visitors. International, when they come back, to pay more.

Q8

yes (please enter email address):

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#5

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name Elizabeth Bridge
Email Address

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

New Zealand (excluding Southland)

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

2 to 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

more than \$15,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
I think a visitor levy of even \$20 would be totally appropriate. Rakiura is a wonderful, special place, and I have enjoyed visiting and tramping there on several occasions. I would be more than happy to contribute to the funding of services, facilities and amenities. They can't fund themselves!

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**yes**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7**Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Q8**no**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#6

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name **Alistair Faulknor**
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

yes

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

Q3

Stewart Island/Rakiura

Where do you usually live?

Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

more than \$15,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
The amount of the levy should be increased to cover the costs that rate payers are having to pay because of visitors use of power, roading etc. For example, do we need larger generators because of the demand of power of residence or the extra demand of visitors, or do our roads and sewerage require upgrades because of residence or the extra use by visitors.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

unsure,

comments about multi-year funding:
Spending money on the expected use of something, maybe a total waste of time in these times.

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Not at this time.

Q8

yes (please enter email address):

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#7

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name **Candace Barker**
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

I am a Stewart Island/Rakiura ratepayer, but I live elsewhere

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

more than 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

more than \$15,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
A more realistic Levy would enable better facilities and infrastructure to be in place to support the large volume of visitors that visit the island, sometimes these visitors arriving all at one time.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**unsure**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

I believe that a more realistic levy would help mediate the ill-feelings that some residents/ratepayers have when great numbers of visitors arrive on the island all at one time and it becomes very clear that the facilities in place cannot cope.

Q8**yes (please enter email address):**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#8

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name Neville CAMERON
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

I am a Stewart Island/Rakiura ratepayer, but I live elsewhere

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

more than 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$15,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
I think \$15 is appropriate as visitors use many of the facilities.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

yes,

comments about multi-year funding:
Provided these funds do NOT go to non council bodies

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Respondent skipped this question**Q8**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

yes (please enter email address):

Q9

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Respondent skipped this question

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#9

COMPLETE

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Time Spent: 00:07:38
IP Address:

Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name **Jamie Goodsir**
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

New Zealand (excluding Southland)

Q4

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more than 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$15,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
I support raising the levy from \$5 to \$15 to help recover some of the costs of visitors coming to the Island. This increase is insignificant to visitors, the price of a few coffees, or a nice glasss of wine, for memories of a lifetime.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**yes**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

\$15, Make it stick

Q8**yes (please enter email address):**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#10

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name **John Grandiek**
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

I am a Stewart Island/Rakiura ratepayer, but I live elsewhere

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

more than 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$5,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
For visitors is it already very expensive to get to the Island.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**unsure**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

No.

Q8**yes (please enter email address):**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#11

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Time Spent: 00:03:00
IP Address:

Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name Shona McKee
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

New Zealand (excluding Southland)

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

more than 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$10,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
More and you will kill the visitor numbers. Particularly those whipping over from Invercargill for the weekend etc.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**unsure**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7**Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Q8**Respondent skipped this question**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#12

COMPLETE

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Time Spent: 00:06:02
IP Address: 125.239.30.29

Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name **Cherie Hemsley**
 Email Address
 Phone Number

Q2

yes

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

Q3

Stewart Island/Rakiura

Where do you usually live?

Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$5,
 comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).: I feel that by increasing the levy we are making Rakiura inaccessible to those with low incomes and that feels gross. This island is predominately National Park (open to everyone) I don't like how the levy essentially makes us an 'elite' place to visit. I don't know what the answer is, but whatever the decision is we cannot forget to include everyone.... even those that on the lower end of our socioeconomic scale in Aotearoa.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

unsure,

comments about multi-year funding:
Funding for what? infrastructure?

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

I think it's really important to constantly check why we have the levy in the first place, is it functional? or is it just a money grab?

Q8

yes (please enter email address):

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#13

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Time Spent: 00:10:46
IP Address:

Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name **Stephen Higginson**
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

I am a Stewart Island/Rakiura ratepayer, but I live elsewhere

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$15,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
A \$15 levy is in the overall scheme of things a minor cost for the privilege of visiting Rakiura. However collectively community resource focused use of those funds will go a long way to providing better facilities which then add to and improve the visitor experience. Rakiura is unique. It is not and never will be a low cost destination. It is a beacon to those valuing what is rare and unique - the birdlife, the night sky, the National Park, the walks and beaches - and they will willingly contribute what is still a small token for that privilege, and happily do so knowing they are contributing something more for those who follow.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

yes,

comments about multi-year funding:
It is sensible and prudent.

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Respondent skipped this question**Q8**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

yes (please enter email address):**Q9**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Respondent skipped this question

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#14

COMPLETE

Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link)
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Last Modified: Thursday, March 10, 2022 10:04:26 AM
Time Spent: 00:12:50
IP Address:

Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name	Alan Wise Insurance Alan Wise
Company or organisation	Rakiura Lodge
Email Address	
Phone Number	

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

I am a Stewart Island/Rakiura ratepayer, but I live elsewhere

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$5,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
We don't agree with proposal as visitor numbers are increasing so income from the levy is up already. It is very expensive to visit island we can't add more cost. We own a business on the island so know the costs involved. The council should not take over the levy.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

no,

comments about multi-year funding:
Don't agree means funds get tied up lack flexibility

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Happy for local committee to allocate on merit

Q8

yes (please enter email address):

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#15

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name Kim Knight
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Stewart Island/Rakiura

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

more than 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$10,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
\$15 is outrageous, it costs visitors a huge amount to visit the Island as it is. You need to stop wasting money on silly things and start investing in wisely.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

no,

comments about multi-year funding:

Is there even going to be a planet Earth in 30 years. Keep it real!!

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

No

Q8**no**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#16

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name **Murray Fosbender**
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

I am a Stewart Island/Rakiura ratepayer, but I live elsewhere

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

more than 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$10,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
proposed \$15 is too high in a single step, suggest more frequent review and cost of living adjustments to gain the required level of funds.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

yes,

comments about multi-year funding:
i assume that there is close audit of the use of these funds

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

no comments

Q8

yes (please enter email address):

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#17

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name **Deon Johnson**
Email Address

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Southland (excluding Stewart Island/Rakiura)

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

more than 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$5

Q6

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

no

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Q8

no

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#18

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name Evelyn Henry
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Southland (excluding Stewart Island/Rakiura)

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

more than 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

there should not be a visitor levy,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
It's unethical to charge a levy to visit one location in Southland when there is not levy to visit other locations. Southland has many isolated communities, all that require infrastructure and services, this is not put onto visitors to fund.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

unsure,

comments about multi-year funding:

An increase to 30 years would have to have exceptional circumstances and an impartial oversight committee.

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Yes, as a Stewart Islander from birth I find it very distressing that I cannot afford to visit my hometown regularly, increasing the levy will make it further out of reach for family, friends and previous residents. Catering to national and international tourists I understand, but this is people's home town. Would it be possible to create a Stewart Island/Rakiura Passport that enables those with a close tie to the Island to travel there without having to pay the levy. I visited recently, taking two friends for a day trip, it cost over \$450 and we arrived at 10.45am and left at 3.30pm, we had 4 hours on the island, little money left to spend to support local businesses, an increase for that trip would be \$90, which would do nothing to improve my experience. There are many small communities around Southland that tourists do not have to pay a levy to visit, how can you justify this? The Southland Council and community should be proud to share their rates with Stewart Island/Rakiura, it brings tourists to the whole region and that in turn benefits everyone, this is what community means.

Q8**no**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#19

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name **Neeka Gilmore**
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Southland (excluding Stewart Island/Rakiura)

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

more than 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$5,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
I disagree with a 3x increase to \$15 as this may impact accessibility for visitors adding extra cost to travel to/from. Its already very expensive to get there.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

unsure,

comments about multi-year funding:
30 years seems a long time but if this makes process easier, streamlined with less admin then yes sounds sensible.

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

A visitor levy is good in principle in ensuring infrastructure is developed & maintained for visitors but this needs to remain reasonable cost.

Q8**no**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#20

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name **Dean Anderson**
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

I am a Stewart Island/Rakiura ratepayer, but I live elsewhere

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

2 to 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$15

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**yes**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

No

Q8**yes (please enter email address):**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#21

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name Keith
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Southland (excluding Stewart Island/Rakiura)

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

more than 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$15

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**yes**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Clearly the Island has real needs for its community. If I'm spending a grand to visit and enjoy some R&R in this unique environment with the most hospitable folk in the country, what's another \$10.00?

Q8**no**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#22

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name **Bridget Carter**
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Stewart Island/Rakiura

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$15,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).: Happy for a \$15 visitor levy.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**yes**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7**Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Q8**no**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#23

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name	Malcolm MacKenzie
Company or organisation	Stewart Island Ratepayer
Email Address	
Phone Number	

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

I am a Stewart Island/Rakiura ratepayer, but I live elsewhere

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

more than 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$10,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).: Stewart Island is expensive enough to visit now. I believe more notice should be taken of the Islander's wishes.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**unsure**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7**Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Q8**no**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#24

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name **Malcolm Peacey**
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Southland (excluding Stewart Island/Rakiura)

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

once

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$5,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
We have only been to Stewart Island once in our three years living in Invercargill because the ferry/flight cost is so high (including the levy). Increasing the levy will reduce the ability of Southlanders to visit the island.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**unsure**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

The levy should not apply to residents of Southland and only to other domestic or international visitors

Q8**no**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#25

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name

Greg Everest

Email Address

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Stewart Island/Rakiura

Where do you usually live?

Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

Q5

\$10

How much should the visitor levy be?

Q6

no

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Q8

no

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#26

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name	Allison Bober
Company or organisation	MPI - VS
Email Address	
Phone Number	

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Southland (excluding Stewart Island/Rakiura)

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

once

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$10,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
An increase from \$5 to \$15 at once is a steep hike. There should be a plan to slowly increase over time, rather than trying to play "catch-up" with one huge rate hike. Is DOC increasing fees for huts and permits? It seems a large number of visitors are likely for tramping/camping. Exactly what facilities is this money going to?

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

no,

comments about multi-year funding:

My gut response is "no", but there should be reasonable exceptions made, particularly if it can be proven that the work/improvements to be done will be completed to really stand the test of time with regard to use and elements (wear and tear).

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

No

Q8**no**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#27

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name Pam Yorke
Company or organisation
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Southland (excluding Stewart Island/Rakiura)

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

once

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$10,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).: You need to listen to the local community. The \$5 that has been previously collected has had its desired outcome. Council had to take some responsibility for the assets needing upgraded currently, this indicates how much Council showed little interest in Stewart Island. Take some responsibility for having to play catch up. Mismanagement isn't everyone else's problem.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

yes,

comments about multi-year funding:
Bu the \$ value should be limited to significant expenditure. The Island can only cope with a certain amount of visitors, its not unlimited.

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

The creation of this levy was good management.

Don't abuse it. Do the work on whether all these assets that are required to be upgraded are required. Do the big picture planning. Utilise the knowledge that is out there, don't assume you have it in house, cos you don't.

Q8

yes (please enter email address):

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#28

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name	Sarah Ray
Company or organisation	Travelicious Adventures
Email Address	
Phone Number	

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Southland (excluding Stewart Island/Rakiura)

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

once

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$5,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).: Stay as it is. Especially at the moment

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

no,

comments about multi-year funding:
Lots can change in 30 years. Smaller increments better

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

The country has just been hit big time financially by covid. Tourism businesses are trying to get back on their feet and people of NZ want to support them but can't afford extra at the moment. Especially when a lot of accommodation is minimum 2 nights

Q8**no**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#29

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name Lisa olive
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Southland (excluding Stewart Island/Rakiura)

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

once

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$10,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
If we come over as a family.with 4 kids and 2 adults puts a much bigger cost for us to do and make it even less likely to happen when we have thought about coming over.
When we could be spending that money on the island.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

no,

comments about multi-year funding:
30 Years is a really long time and things can change dramatically

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

The council I feel rarely listens to people and will do what they want at the end of the day

Q8**no**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#30

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name **Angela Gibbs**
Company or organisation **n/a**
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Southland (excluding Stewart Island/Rakiura)

Q3

Where do you usually live?

2 to 5 times

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

\$15,

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:

I think \$15 is a reasonable charge, you're still getting change out of \$20 and \$15 is barely noticeable if you're heading away on holiday, however I would not think that more than \$15 is reasonable. The present charge of \$5 is negligible considering the amount of work that needs done on the island.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**yes**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Having such a small ratepayer base is a disadvantage for a tourist destination, especially when paying for such wonderful, expensive assets as the museum. Other assets that visitors get to enjoy, including infrastructure, need to be paid for by the visitors. (User pays)

Q8**yes (please enter email address):**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#31

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name Joshua Keeble
Email Address

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Southland (excluding Stewart Island/Rakiura)

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

once

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

more than \$15,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).: A disproportionate amount of funding required with small rate payer base. \$15-20 would be reasonable, affordable and most people won't notice the charge on ferry/plane tickets

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**yes**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Transport operators should be able to separate the levy from the service charge so customers know how much is going on the levy vs true or ticket

Q8**no**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#32

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name **Doug Caldwell**
Email Address

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Southland (excluding Stewart Island/Rakiura)

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

more than 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$15,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).: Southland ratepayers should not need to pay a visitor levy, it's a great place at our back door, it's a large expense as it is to park and ferry over, often stopping for an afternoon or evening to go to local stores it's an added expense . People from further a field are more likely to be prepared to pay this where I think 10-15 is fine but Southlanders shouldn't need to pay this.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**unsure**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7**Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Q8**no**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#33

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name Kit Pryde

Email Address
yes

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

Q3 Southland (excluding Stewart Island/Rakiura)

Where do you usually live?

Q4 never

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

Q5 \$5,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).: \$5 should be sufficient. Anything more would start to exclude possible visitors.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

no,

comments about multi-year funding:

Are you stuck with the ideas and values of those in the past?

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Listen to the people this is affected by. Listen to the locals. I have never been but always plan to. A \$15 levy would put me off.

Q8**no**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#34

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name **Beverley Osborne**
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Stewart Island/Rakiura

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

Respondent skipped this question

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$5,

comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form):

An aging resident with adult children and grandchildren, both over and under 18, who live elsewhere, I am concerned about the financial impact on family connectedness for residents in my age group. Family visits to a grandparent on the island would seldom be for 21 days at a time and so the hike in visitor levy fees could be prohibitive for both whole family visits and single family member pop-overs on a regular basis. For adults residents in other parts of NZ who were island born and raised or were long-term Rakiura residents, increased visitor fees could cut them off from their home place and their ability to share it with their children. I also have concerns about what projects might be considered if finance from the visitor levy doubled or tripled. Making the island more and more "visitor-friendly" could endanger the qualities most valued. We don't want to become another Queenstown.

Q6

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

no,

comments about multi-year funding:

Without any information on specific projects under consideration I cannot support a thirty year commitment to a cause which future Stewart Islanders might feel totally inappropriate.

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

I find it odd that S.D.C is recommending a triple hike the visitor levy and providing a path for public comment on that move without providing at the same time any details about future projects which might warrant an increase. Inflation and the number of years since the setting of the present levy are insufficient reasons.

I notice that memberships of the subcommittee which allocates funding gained from the levy includes representatives from Real Journeys, S.I Flights and the cruiseship line. I believe it would be more appropriate to offer those companies simply the opportunity to suggest possible projects and to replace their committee membership with three extra community members.

I understand that funding from the visitor levy fund is not available for services already in existence which locals find costly - like electricity. I wonder whether heavier electricity usage because of visitors has an impact on wear-and-tear costs for the power supply, thus making electrical supply eligible for assistance.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q8

yes (please enter email address):

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#35

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name Raylene Waddell
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live? Stewart Island/Rakiura

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be? \$5

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**no**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7**Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Q8**no**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Visitor Levy Submission.docx (16.7KB)

Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy and Bylaw Review**1. Cost of Levy**

Raising the levy militates against families and friends of Stewart Islanders, many of whom (approximately 25%) are elderly and with the majority of their family members living off island.

It is costly enough to come here as it is and this will only make it worse for ordinary New Zealanders. The travel restrictions of Covid have seen many more New Zealanders visiting the Island, which is excellent for our national profile. It will, therefore, be all the more of a retrograde step to raise the cost of coming here to a level beyond affordability for families and folk on modest budgets.

The vastly larger revenues envisaged will be a happy hunting ground for the Southland District Council to plunder to finance projects which should come out of legitimate alternative avenues.

2. Lack of Local Representation

The make-up of the Visitor Levy sub-committee comprises nine members, only four of whom have to be Stewart Islanders: District Council Representative, one member of Community Board, one iwi representative, one local resident. These four can be outvoted by other interests. There needs to be a wider representation of Island interests. That the ferry and flight services are represented is fair, as on them falls the unpalatable task of collecting the levy. The Cruise Ship representation is questionable, especially in a period where we have no cruise ships. The number of cruise ship passengers is a very much smaller number than that carried by ferry and air services.

3. Proposed Projects

For locals to have confidence in any future projects there needs to be a clear signalling of what these projects are, in what way they will benefit visitors and in what way they will mitigate against the effects of large numbers of visitors.

If projects involve a meshing of local and visitor interests, i.e. provision of roading, wharf maintenance, electricity generation, there needs to be a thorough exposition of the costs involved and the proportions of local rates and levy funds to be utilised.

Rightly or wrongly, the suspicion is that the Southland District Council sees the Visitor Levy as a useful source of revenue, to be used for its own purposes, and for which it is not accountable to the ratepayer.

4. Multi-year Funding up to 30 Years

NO! This is a recipe for empire building and obfuscation! Stick to the 10-year plan, explain it clearly and carry it through. With global warming and Covid sequels knocking on our doorstep, who knows what our requirements will be in 5 years' time, let alone 30?

5. Optimum Use of the Visitor Levy Fund

The best use would be to subsidise our electricity costs; this would help businesses to remain profitable and encourage new ones to set up.

The school has recently installed a successful solar energy system. Supporting businesses and institutions to do likewise and transferring the Island's reliance on fossil fuels to a non-polluting form of energy would make Stewart Island an even more attractive and affordable destination.

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#36

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name **Tony Bower**
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

I am a Stewart Island/Rakiura ratepayer, but I live elsewhere

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

more than 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$10,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
I have been living on and visiting Stewart Island for 50 years, to increase to \$15 is excessive and will deter visitors going to Stewart Island. The feeling from locals including myself is that \$10 would be acceptable.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

no,

comments about multi-year funding:
30 years is too long

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Respondent skipped this question

Q8

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Respondent skipped this question

Q9

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Respondent skipped this question

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#37

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name **John Eccleton**
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

New Zealand (excluding Southland)

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

2 to 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$10,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
The \$5 was set almost 10 years ago so no problem with an increase. I like the round number of \$10, it's basically only the price of a glass of beer at the hotel south sea -no visitor would begrudge that level of visitor contribution to assist the maintenance of island infrastructure. A trebling to \$15 sounds a little greedy and would tend to raise eyebrows - whereas I doubt anyone would argue/complain about \$10

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

no,

comments about multi-year funding:

The locals expectation would be funded infrastructural projects would be typically no more than 10 years

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

No

Q8

yes (please enter email address):

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#38

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name William Doherty
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

I am a Stewart Island/Rakiura ratepayer, but I live elsewhere

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

more than 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$15,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
We would rather have the rate increase to \$15 than have our rates increase to cover the shortfall

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**no**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Ratepayers should always be consulted before any rise in the visitor levy.

Q8

yes (please enter email address):

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#39

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name	WILLIAM TODD
Company or organisation	STIs RATEPAYER
Email Address	
Phone Number	

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Southland (excluding Stewart Island/Rakiura)

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

more than 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$15,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
PUBLIC DISCLOSE AS TO WHAT FUNDS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS SINCE THE ORIGINAL LEVY WAS STARTED IN 2013 SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT. ALSO: THE NAMES AND WHAT THEY REPRESENT SHOULD BE ON THE DISTRIBUTION COMM. SHOULD BE DISCLOSED TO AT LEAST RATEPAYERS

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

no,

comments about multi-year funding:

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A REVIEW AND IF APPROPRIATE A RENEWAL FOR FUNDING WOULD BE ADEQUATE, 30 YEARS IS TOO LONG A COMMITMENT AND CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE OVER TIME

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

AS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED? WHERE AND TO WHOM THE FUNDS HAVE BEEN SPENT WITH OVER THE LAST 9 YEARS. THE NAMES AND WHO THEY MAY REPRESENT OF ALL PERSONS ON THE DISTRIBUTION COMM. WOULD BE APPRECIATED. WT

Q8

yes (please enter email address):

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#40

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name **Jim WATT**
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

I am a Stewart Island/Rakiura ratepayer, but I live elsewhere

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

more than 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$10,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).: Rakiura Stewart Island is already an expensive destination without "add-on" like the Visitor Levy. \$10 is absolute maximum. - adults only

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

no,

comments about multi-year funding:

No to multi-year funding. Cut the suit to fit the cloth.

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

The Visitor Levy was established to fund specific works that benefitted visitors. eg Roofs (rain shelters), toilets, free water. Council appears to be regarding it as an alternative source of annual funding

Q8

yes (please enter email address):

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#41

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name **Beverley Cowie**
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Stewart Island/Rakiura

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$15

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**no**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Could you please forward to me the list of current members on the Visitor Levy Committee

Q8**no**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#42

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name **Stefan**
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

I am a Stewart Island/Rakiura ratepayer, but I live elsewhere

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

more than 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$15,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
I think it's a good idea for maintaining the high standard of resources needed for the visitors

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**yes**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7**Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Q8**yes (please enter email address):**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#43

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name Karen Reynolds
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Southland (excluding Stewart Island/Rakiura)

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

2 to 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$15,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
For the number of people who annually visit Stewart Island \$15 is a small extra to pay for amenities. Having traveled overseas there are many 'hidden' extras included in the cost of visiting places, that you are unaware of. It's included in the price you pay, or added as an extra on the cost of ticket, entry, visit etc. I see it no different for Stewart Island.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**yes**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

No

Q8**no**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#44

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name **Lance helm**
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Southland (excluding Stewart Island/Rakiura)

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

more than 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

there should not be a visitor levy,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
Don't bite the hand that feeds you

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**no**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

No

Q8**no**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#45

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name **Ray Tibbles**
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

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Q3

Where do you usually live?

I am a Stewart Island/Rakiura ratepayer, but I live elsewhere

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

more than 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$10,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
I think any more than this makes it too expensive for familys visiting.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**unsure**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7**Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Q8**no**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#46

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name	Helen Cave
Company or organisation	various
Email Address	
Phone Number	

Q2

yes

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

Q3

Stewart Island/Rakiura

Where do you usually live?

Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

Q5

\$10,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).: maximum \$10

How much should the visitor levy be?

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

unsure,

comments about multi-year funding:

Need a limit, say, 20% of annual distribution to go to long term

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

I am concerned it is the wisdom involved in the expenditure that is a worry. eg "Cherry picking" the easy footpaths is concerning when there are dangerous areas not addressed.

Q8

yes (please enter email address):

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#47

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name ANITA GEESON
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Stewart Island/Rakiura

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$10,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
Any increase in the VL equates to an increase in the cost of living for residents as trades/services providers (e. g. electrician, hairdresser) who travel to the island add their travel to their charges. An increase of \$10 appears to be acceptable to the majority of the community. Visitors do help pay for SIESA charges via their accommodation costs. Using SIESA as one of the examples requiring VL monies amounts to double dipping. Fares to the island continue to increase (e.g. SIF increase starts on 1st April) so caution re the amount of the VL increase is in order.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

yes,

comments about multi-year funding:
The circumstances do need to be exceptional!

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

The community has a sense of ownership over the VL By-Law.

Their visitors; therefore their decision about the dollar value. There is a general perception that SDC doesn't listen to community preferences.

Q8**yes (please enter email address):**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#48

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name Richard Osborn
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Southland (excluding Stewart Island/Rakiura)

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

more than 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$5,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
Yes - Please see attached document

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

no,

comments about multi-year funding:
Yes - Please see attached document

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Yes - Please see attached document

Q8

yes (please enter email address):

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island Levy Changes - Final.pdf (29.6KB)

Thursday, 24 March 2022

Proposed Stewart Island Visitor Levy Increase Response

Question 5 - Comments round the levy amount.

My comments on the proposed visitor levy amount are based on two main concerns. The first being the increase in cost and potentially prohibitive nature of a \$15.00 levy. While the second is we are already contributing to the SDC coffers as current ratepayers. (So feel as though we should get some form of relief because of it.)

I feel my comment about it is quantified by being raised on the island and still having an ageing mother / grandmother living there. Also in my career I've had the privilege of working on the islands infrastructure numerous times, and as I said being a SDC ratepayer.

To expand on this, just looking at our family situation which consists of my wife and I plus two rapidly growing teenagers. When we go to visit mum under the proposed \$15.00 levy this will mean we pay a total of \$60.00 on top. Which is prohibitive especially when you consider the current economic situation, rising inflation and living costs (this is born out by Stewart Island Flights having to increase their rates due to high fuel prices). The prohibitive nature will also have an effect on my mothers quality of life as I will cover below. This of course is just one of the many that will be affected in the roughly 25% older residents Not to mention the rest of the island population.

The second issue of ours already being SDC ratepayers should mean we are exempt from the levy. Or if that won't fly at least only pay the current \$5.00 as a discounted rate. After all if someone from the Island comes and stays at the Fortrose foreshore, or Weirs beach camp ground. Drives on our newly sealed roads and parks in the new car park at Slope Point. All of which we've paid for as a ratepayer. They don't get charged any thing extra, so it should reciprocate round the whole Southland District. I do understand on the island there is a much smaller ratepayer base, however council should not see this levy as a way of propping up normal infrastructure spend.

Question 6 - Comment on 30 year funding.

I am unsure about the increasing of up to 30 years funding model. So would need more information for me to be comfortable with it. Currently I think the 10 year option is working well and allows the ratepayers and stake holders a good playing surface, while not tying future generations into something that may not fit down the track. I also think the sort of things funded should be based on tourist / visitor activities and services. Not large infrastructure projects that need extended funding.

Question 7 - Other comment on visitor levy.

Here are some other issues round the visitor levy that involve expanding on some of the comment already given. Plus establishing some new ones.

Firstly prohibitive costs don't just affect access for families and tourists alike. They also cause issues for the current residents and ratepayers. For example my mum, who is now in her eighties. The less we can afford to visit her creates both mental and physical stress. Mentally she doesn't get to see her children and grandchildren as much, so you have loss of contact and social interaction. Then you have the physical side of us being able to help her round the house and property, like doing jobs she can't manage any more. These jobs then become a burden to her as she has to pay for someone else to do them and that's only if she can find a willing tradesman, or handyman.

This brings up another issue of an exemption being available if staying 21 days plus. Which we would very really practically do, so we are excluded from it.

Another point I would like to make concerns the services we use when over at the island. Yes we use the roads, footpaths and other infrastructure, however so does everyone else visiting different areas of Southland. More specifically we stay with mum and use her facilities, which she already pays for as a ratepayer. So feel with the levy the SDC is double dipping especially with an ageing island population. I guess where I am going with this is the SDC should adding residents immediate family to the exemption list. I also please ask the council to consider an exemption or at the least a substantially discounted levy for current SDC ratepayers for the reasons as mentioned before.

I also would like to briefly mention the make up of the board that administers the levy fund. I feel that there should be more local island representation deciding how the fund is allocated. So that they are ensuring that the funds are spent on things the actual islanders want, rather than on some outside influenced decisions. I have no problem with plane and ferry having a seat at the table but do have issue with the cruise ship one and SDC amount. Guess what I'm trying to say is locals should have the majority rule.

On the consultation process the piece about removing it from the annual plan requirements etc may just be about the way the council manages it. However I would like to make sure the public right to be consulted is enshrined in the policy and in no way degraded.

Lastly I would just like to add I have always considered the island to be the jewel in NZ's crown. I agree it needs protected and managed well to allow reasonable access yet still uphold residents rights and quality of life. I feel the council needs to tread carefully and not throw the baby out with the bath water.

I thank you for this opportunity and appreciate it if you consider my commentary.

Cheers

Richard Osborn.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#49

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name	Aaron Joy
Company or organisation	Stewart Island Backpackers
Email Address	
Phone Number	

Q2

yes

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

Q3

Stewart Island/Rakiura

Where do you usually live?

Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

Q5

unsure,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space
please attach a document at the end of this form).:
this needs debating more

How much should the visitor levy be?

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

no,

comments about multi-year funding:
there needs to be a clear path between visitor levy money and council rate allocation money

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

I can see the SDC taking advantage of the levy money for there own good

Q8

yes (please enter email address):

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#50

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name Elaine Hamilton
Company or organisation
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

yes

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

Q3

Stewart Island/Rakiura

Where do you usually live?

Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$10,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).: Maximum increase to \$10. It has been mentioned that new footpaths, walking tracks etc are needed. Apart from the safety aspects do we really need these. If we have not got the money, then we should not go down that track.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**unsure**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Stewart Island has become even more of a tourist destination but with an increase in the levy it is making it an uneconomical place for visitors and families to visit. I would support assistance being given to the power and sewerage schemes after all these play an important part for visitors. I believe we have to live within our means.

Q8**yes (please enter email address):**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name Letitia mcritchie
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Stewart Island/Rakiura

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$10,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
I feel that a doubling of the levy is a fair amount. This is a fair contribution from visitors towards island projects/ infrastructure

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

other,

comments about multi-year funding:

I would like to see the time reduced from 30 years to 15 as this is more acceptable. 30 years will tie up funding for too long and not allow change to occur, ie funding in future years if new options come along, in new solar power technology

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

This money needs to be considered for the whole Stewart island community and not just become a part of the councils budget, for Council projects only, ie community groups and department of conservation

Q8

no

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#52

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name **Brent**
Email Address

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Southland (excluding Stewart Island/Rakiura)

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

more than 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

there should not be a visitor levy

Q6

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

yes

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Q8

no

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#53

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name **Chris Squires**
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

I am a Stewart Island/Rakiura ratepayer, but I live elsewhere

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

more than 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$10

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**no**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7**Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Q8**yes (please enter email address):**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#54

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name

Sue Beck

Email Address

Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Southland (excluding Stewart Island/Rakiura)

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

2 to 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$10

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**yes**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7**Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Q8**yes (please enter email address):**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#55

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name **Stacey Stuart**
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Southland (excluding Stewart Island/Rakiura)

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

once

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

unsure,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
It would be good to see the levy stay at \$5 for locals and \$15 for those travelers from out of the region and international visitors. A number of local visitors are often trades people or visiting friends on the island and therefore not a drain on the infrastructure

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**yes**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7**Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Q8**no**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#56

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name **Nicoletta Presacco**
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

I am a Stewart Island/Rakiura ratepayer, but I live elsewhere

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

more than 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$5,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
I don't think there should be an increase

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**no**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

No

Q8**no**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#57

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name Emily Grant
Email Address

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Southland (excluding Stewart Island/Rakiura)

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

once

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$15

Q6

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

yes

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Q8

no

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#58

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name **Keith Blackwood**
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Southland (excluding Stewart Island/Rakiura)

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

once

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

more than \$15,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
It's a beautiful place would pay more

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**yes**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7**Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Q8**no**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#59

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name Emma Simpson-Boyce
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

New Zealand (excluding Southland)

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

more than 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$10,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
It needs to gradually increase perhaps yearly by smaller increments. Adding 15 per person for a family can very quickly add up and make the boat fare seem expensive.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**unsure**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Transparency around how the levy is spent is important

Q8

yes (please enter email address):

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#60

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name **Joanne purdue**
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Southland (excluding Stewart Island/Rakiura)

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

2 to 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$15

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**yes**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7**Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Q8**no**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#61

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name Tracy
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Southland (excluding Stewart Island/Rakiura)

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

more than 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$5,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
It cost my family around \$600 to get to the island for a holiday. We are lucky If we go once a year due to the cost of getting there. Increasing this cost will put it further out of reach for many New Zealanders.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**yes**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7**Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Q8**no**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#62

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name	ray phillips
Company or organisation	private citizen
Email Address	
Phone Number	

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Southland (excluding Stewart Island/Rakiura)

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

more than 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$5

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**no**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7**Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Q8**yes (please enter email address):**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#63

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name Maggie Harrington
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Southland (excluding Stewart Island/Rakiura)

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

more than 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$5

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**unsure**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7**Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Q8**no**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#64

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name Penelope
Email Address

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Southland (excluding Stewart Island/Rakiura)

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

2 to 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$15,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).: Very reasonable for the experiences offered and extra facilities needed for the visitors.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

no,

comments about multi-year funding:

The planet is changing so fast that ten years seems most reasonable for now

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Respondent skipped this question**Q8**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

no**Q9**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Respondent skipped this question

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#65

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name Margaret Hopkins
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person. **yes**

Q3

Where do you usually live? **Stewart Island/Rakiura**

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura? **Respondent skipped this question**

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be? **\$10,**
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).: Given the recent increased costs for traveling to Stewart Island I feel that it is too much to implement a change to \$15 pp and that \$10pp would be sufficient to cover costs for visitor related services. I think the Council's plans for spending should be amended accordingly.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**yes**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

The SIVL has and will continue to be of great assistance in providing necessary infrastructure for visitors. The cooperation of the transport companies involved is to be applauded and therefore every effort should be made to make sure that projects are not just dreamed up to spend money. Some things are 'nice to have' but not necessary. More effort should be made to prioritise essential public works.

Q8**yes (please enter email address):**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#66

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name	Bill Fraser
Company or organisation	Miele Apiaries
Email Address	
Phone Number	

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Southland (excluding Stewart Island/Rakiura)

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

more than 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$5,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
There needs to be some levy but increased incrementally over time but with fore warning

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**unsure**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

No

Maybe local Southland visitors are levied differently to international visitors

Q8**Respondent skipped this question**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#67

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name	Faye & Graeme Elliot
Company or organisation	C/o Dodds Family Trust
Email Address	
Phone Number	

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

I am a Stewart Island/Rakiura ratepayer, but I live elsewhere

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

more than 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$10,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
\$10 but with an opportunity for review, taking into consideration for an initial term and then to implement an Annual cost adjustments / CPI

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

yes,

comments about multi-year funding:

There needs to be certainty as well as security long term.

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

We strongly support the input and recommendation as submitted by the Stewart Island Community Board.

Q8

yes (please enter email address):

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Respondent skipped this question

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#68

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name **Allan and Karen Skerrett**
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Southland (excluding Stewart Island/Rakiura)

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

more than 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$10

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**unsure**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7**Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Q8**no**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#69

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name **Malcolm Hodgkinson**
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Southland (excluding Stewart Island/Rakiura)

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

more than 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$5,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
Please do not prohibit locals/kiwis from visiting by making it too expensive.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**unsure**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

No

Q8**no**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#70

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name Christine Major
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

New Zealand (excluding Southland)

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

2 to 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$15,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
As a 4 time visitor I am happy to reduce the rates burden on the residents.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**unsure**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7**Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Q8**no**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name **Jules Retberg**
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Stewart Island/Rakiura

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$10,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
Question is ambiguous - it's not clear if this refers to each direction of travel. Working on basis of current \$5 levy (\$2.50 each way) I support an increase to \$7.50 total (\$3.25 each way) but would like to see no more than \$10 total (\$5 each way).

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

no,

comments about multi-year funding:

There are too many unknowns that can change in 30 years: turnover of staff (and thus experience and knowledge) would not be retained for the period, resulting in re training (financial cost, time cost), consistency would be difficult to maintain with regard to leadership over this period, cost of projects would change, administration would be a challenge, people in jobs would change. The levy would end up on being spent on things other than Stewart Island.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Yes!

(1) TRANSPARENCY: I want to see what funds come in and what funds go out of the levy "pot" in a format that regular folk (ie. non-accountant-speak) can read. SDC annual reports are not clear in this respect.

(2) REPORTING: SDC should provide a straightforward report TO ISLANDERS (offline as well as online) that shows visitor numbers to the island, visitor numbers where levy was paid, cruise ship pax numbers, dollar figures resulting from these; and then outgoings to which projects, and dollar figures relating to this. If projects are multi-year funded then the report should state this along with a balance of total funding paid over 'x' years.

(3) COMMON SENSE: SDC needs to think outside of the box about fairer ways to raise funds for Stewart Island infrastructure costs. I suggest that property owners that DO NOT reside at Stewart Island, but who run what is essentially a *holiday accommodation commercial business* should pay commercial rates to SDC. Precious little of the income that is made by these property owners goes back into Stewart Island, but undoubtedly funds their life elsewhere. Yes, their guests support Stewart Island, but at anything from \$200+ per night upwards for full occupancy over 5 or 6 months, it is not an inconsiderable income for this demographic of property owner. I see the commercial rate applying to this demographic as no different to a tourism activity business paying a concession to DOC for the upkeep of Ulva Island and/or walking tracks that they use as part of their business. *Note* I make a clear distinction between holiday accommodation property owners that DO NOT reside at Stewart Island. I am not suggesting that holiday accommodation property owners that DO reside at Stewart Island be charged commercial rates - they are supporting the island by living here.

(4) CONSULTATION and ACCOUNTABILITY: When council reps last visited Stewart Island to consult with islanders about the visitor levy increase (as mentioned in above point) I suggested that property owners who do not reside at Stewart Island, but who run what is essentially a *holiday accommodation commercial business* should pay commercial rates to SDC. I have not received any feedback as to whether this was considered as an option. If it was considered, what is the reason for not doing this versus raising the visitor levy?

(5) ADMINISTRATION COST: What are the administration costs for the visitor levy, and why are visitor levy funds used to administrate it? Surely this is an SDC cost, along with all other administration duties of being a district council? As part of this I would also like SDC to review the knock on effects of a visitor levy increase with regard to signage and marketing material. For example the sign at Golden Bay wharf mentions the current \$5 levy amount, so this would need updating if the levy increased. What is the resulting cost of all these kinds of changes such as new printed materials to inform visitors, signage, not to mention people-time and waste - what happens to old material or signs, do they go into landfill???? What happens if SDC rebrands - a whole other lot of money is wasted!

(6) PERCEPTION: It's already been raised that as transport operators collect the levy that the perception is a visitor levy increase looks like a transport fare increase. It's a tough knock on already challenged transport operators dealing with fuel increases and having to cover their own costs.

Q8

yes (please enter email address):

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name	Ulva Goodwillie
Company or organisation	Ulva's Guided Walks
Email Address	
Phone Number	

Q2

yes

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

Q3

Stewart Island/Rakiura

Where do you usually live?

Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
Ambiguous question. Please see my attached submission.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

no,

comments about multi-year funding:
Please see my attached submission

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Please see my attached submission document.

Q8

yes (please enter email address):

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

SDC Levy submission.pdf (190KB)

TO: SOUTHLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL
RE: STEWART ISLAND VISITOR LEVY SUBMISSION

Contact Information: Ulva Goodwillie
Company: Ulva's Guided Walks, Ulva Island Bird Sanctuary
Email Address:
Phone Number:

Please acknowledge and tautoko the original Stewart Island/Rakiura residents that suggested a levy be taken from all visitors that crossed the wharf or airfield on to our whenua. Rakiura infrastructure had been severely deprived and depleted, maintenance was grudgingly given by Southland councils. The only way we could improve matters was to help ourselves. It took over **18yrs** to push the Stewart Island Levy through parliament. It is through their unstinting mahi and long-term vision that we have the levy and infrastructure we have on the Island today. It is clearly evident that the Southland District Council has a golden goose, and wants more....

We are also tremendously grateful to Stewart Island Experience, Stewart Island Flights & Cruise NZ for their years of volunteering to collect the levy, inclusive in their transport fares to and from Stewart Island. **I'm not sure if Cruise NZ charged for collecting levies of cruise ships?**

Q: The visitor levy is currently \$5 per person aged over 18. SDC is considering increasing the levy as the cost of the proposed visitor related projects exceeds levy funds available. Do you support an increase to the visitor levy to help fund the shortfall?

A: NO. If the proposed visitor levy related projects/projections (\$9.7m over 8yrs) exceed levy funds available, your first logical thought should have been to remove those projects that exceeded funds available. SDC has proposed, planned and received outrageous quotes for visitor related projects before the money has even materialised. You cannot run a domestic household, business, or a council on this premise. Please put all future projects on hold until sufficient money has been raised.

Q: If you support an increase what level of increase would you support?

A: If anything, it should be based on the Cost-of-Living Index. Professional organisations add CoL percentages to their annual fees as a matter of course; perhaps that system should be considered in your future discussions.

Your suggested timing of an increase is ill-advised, misguided and impolitic under current world conditions, let alone New Zealand domestic tourism market. Please put any discussions of a review on hold or throw out completely.

Q: Do you agree with the subcommittee being being able to commit to multiyear funding of up to 30 years for council and community owned infrastructure etc etc *The Southland District Council intends to remove the requirement that public consultation on any increase to the levy occur via the Annual/Long-term Plan process, but continuing to comply with all legal requirements for bylaw and policy review...*

NO. Southland District Council CANNOT remove the requirement that public consultation on any increase to the levy occur! Are you having us on? This is a very arrogant proclamation.

•*allowing multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances, increased from the current 10 years*

NO. Southland District Council will NOT increase multi-funding of up to 30 years!

•*wording to clarify the allocations process*

YES. The allocations process needs to be clarified to ensure that the SDC does not make any more massive projected spending sprees. The allocated monies were to go to applicants who were applying to enhance the visitor experience on Rakiura. SDC has made colossal mistakes over the past while. How much did the gravel pit path to Mill Creek cost? If there was a cost for a quality control audit report paid, the Visitor Levy allocations should ask for a refund. How much did the Welcome to Southland signs cost to put up at Stewart Island entry points? They are perplexing for visitors..

•*update to improve legal accuracy*

YES. Update the wording to improve legal accuracy. It would be preferable to use a legal firm that is in no way associated with SDC. That way we can be assured that there is no conflict of interest from the wishes of the Rakiura community.

Discussion points:

- 1 It is abundantly clear that the SDC considers this levy to belong to them. This is the STEWART ISLAND VISITOR LEVY. We have ONE councillor at this table. It is obvious that most of your councillors do not consider the local tourism activity operators at all. NZers are hurting, physically as well as financially. Not all domestic visitors have the wherewithal to travel here. Thinking you can triple the levy is a foolish hope.
- 2 SDC needs to be clearer and transparent with Visitor Levy income/expenditure reporting. When the levy first started, full analysis of what was received, who applied for funds and where every dollar went, was put on the Stewart Island Noticeboard. Now, one must search carefully in the Annual Report. As well - it is glaringly obvious that operational/administration charges are excessive. Our transport agencies collect levies voluntarily, surely SDC does not have the authority to charge out their time to the Levy?
- 3 Visitor Levy funds were not considered to pay for ratepayer council rates work. That cost has already come out of our yearly rates. As Cr Jon Spraggon has stated; 'it is double dipping to suggest that Visitor Levy funding should be paying for rates projects.'

- 4 **Has SDC had ANY discussions with the two transport providers regarding the voluntary collection of these levies?** Both SI Flights and Real NZ will probably increase their fares over this time because of petrol prices. Does the SDC expect these two companies to place an increased levy price on top of their own increased costs?
- 5 OR does the increased levy go towards the employment of a Levy Collector who will find magical ways to collect said increased levy when (not if) the transport agencies refuse to add the cost to their fares.
- 6 The ONLY justification that I can find in all your weasel words, is that you are spending beyond your means. Take away all your \$9.7m over 8yrs. Spend only what you receive.

Change that bylaw at your peril.

Noho ora mai, nga mihi
Ulva Goodwillie

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#73

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name **Peter Goomes**
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Stewart Island/Rakiura

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$5,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
Cut down on infrastructure spending like footpaths that don't get used and stick to basics that are more in line with the Island culture. The visitors here don't expect big city facilities but come for the more laid back lifestyle. If road safety is an issue, cutting the speed limits 10kph would only add 2 minutes to the longest trip.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**no**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7**Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Q8**no**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#74

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name Gus johnston
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Southland (excluding Stewart Island/Rakiura)

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

more than 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$5,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
\$5 is a reasonable levy

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**unsure**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

No

Q8**yes (please enter email address):**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#75

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name **Ann Pullen**
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

yes

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

Q3

Stewart Island/Rakiura

Where do you usually live?

Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).: \$7.50. Don't just take more money from visitors, when by visiting Stewart Island. There has to be a spin off for the wider Southland

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6

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other,

comments about multi-year funding:
Dependent on what it was for (such as power or sewage)
so as to directly benefit Stewart Island ratepayers

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Please don't put unnecessary footpaths in that spoil the area

Q8

yes (please enter email address):

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#76

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name	Philip Todd
Company or organisation	Invercargill Holiday Park & Motels
Email Address	
Phone Number	

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Southland (excluding Stewart Island/Rakiura)

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

more than 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

there should not be a visitor levy

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**yes**

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Q7**Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Q8**no**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9

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Submission re the Stewart Island Visitor Levy.docx (23.5KB)

Submission re the Stewart Island Visitor Levy. Tuesday, 29 March 2022

Background. I have been involved in the southern tourism industry for 24 years as the owner of an Invercargill city holiday park.

During that time, we have hosted around 350,000 visitors to the south. Presently we are rated the number two out of 33 places to stay in Invercargill based on independent Trip Advisor feedback. The reason I have put this up is to show we are not only part of the industry but are a committed part of the industry.

During the last 23 years we have sold countless trips to Stewart Island, both on the ferries and by air. The actual numbers are unknown but would be hundreds if not thousands.

This has changed remarkably since covid hit compared to pre Covid. That is mainly down to New Zealanders travelling domestically and looking to tick the island off their bucket list. Prior to Covid it was an option that people considered and could be hard to sell because it is expensive. Visitors had to be sold on the idea of doing it as part of their Kiwi experience.

Pre Covid I would estimate we had to sell one in three people on doing the trip to the island. I am sure this will be the case again as the borders reopen and everyone clamours to compete for the tourism dollar. It is extremely important that councillors understand this when deciding whether to increase the cost. It's not a simple cost-plus decision like raising the rates because these people unlike the ratepayers are not a captive market. The cost plus thinking that drives councils' decisions isn't something the private sector has the luxury of. Visitors spend is discretionary and they can decide whether they will do so based on a mixture of things. Cost is right up there in that decision process.

I have long been critical of the ad hoc manner council has to public monies being spent around the visitor market in the south and while this is about Stewart Island it should be about the region. To me it seems the island is going to become a victim of its own success solely because of its geographical position. Te Anau has had millions spent on its wastewater scheme, but we don't hear the council looking to recover part of that cost from visitors. The Northern Southland cycle trail cost in excess of 10 million dollars but again no plan to extract the money from visitors or users. Invercargill's own CBD is having a multimillion-dollar makeover and while we often hear how that will attract visitors, they won't have to pay a levy to visit. The list goes on and on.

Back during the council amalgamations of the late 1980s the biggest reason given for the need to amalgamate was around sharing costs across the region rather than burden smaller centres or townships. This levy seems to fly in the face of that thinking.

Having no clear policy around the spend on visitor related infrastructure is holding the province back. Unless there is some change the recovery will be much slower than most other regions that have clear policies and strategies. If a normal business plan was laid across the present spend there is no way, it would measure up as financially robust or sound.

For instance, every visitor to Stewart Island spends a minimum of \$200 each to travel over there and then no doubt double that in tours and accommodation and food. They also normally stay somewhere in the south both going over and back which would be another \$200. So, we could say

the return into the southern economy for each visitor is easily \$600 per person. A business plan would place that value beside the cost and come up with a figure that should form the basis of the commitment the council is prepared to invest public funding towards.

If we then consider other public spending around visitors to the south. On 20th March, our family visited Fortrose and was interesting to see 16 wheelie bins out for free campers on the foreshore. The going rate for having these bins emptied on the outskirts of Invercargill is \$650 per annum so being as far away as Fortrose it would be safe to assume the cost is the same if not more. Let's say \$10,400 per annum or \$200 per week. On Sunday evening there were 8 vans parked up when we left so council is funding each visitor to the tune of \$2 per day to remove their rubbish. If council does not see the need to levy users for this cost when there is no indirect or direct return into the southern economy is it hard to understand why it would feel the need to levy those who put a minimum \$600 into the economy an additional \$10. I also see council now supplies three rubbish skips at Monkey Island which I have been told cost \$150 each to empty and they are presently being emptied more than once a week so that could be costing up to \$18,000 per annum. This is where there needs to be some critical thinking applied on a regional level because it could be argued that 3000 visitors to Stewart Island are going to be levied to clean up after people who make no or very little contribution to the southern economy. And that is only two of the 17 sites I think the council is having to clean up after people who don't want to pay. The true cost to the council is probably more than the increased levy will bring in anyway.

That is why I think all these spends should be put under a business plan which is transparent and robust. And have some foundation of fairness. No policy should ever revolve around what is easy or selective depending on who a council thinks can afford something against who council thinks should be subsidised.

Southland has for many years underperformed as a visitor destination because of a lack of an aspirational strategy around how visitors should be treated. The last ten to fifteen years has seen little investment into private tourism infrastructure in the south at a time when tourism numbers increased dramatically across most of NZ and that should be of concern to anyone sitting on council.

Any simple visitor strategy should be wrapped around simple things like respect, safety and fairness. This levy fails on two of the above straight away. It is no showing we respect visitors, and it is showing that we as a community are happy to be selective in how we treat visitors. We don't want our reputation to become.

- If you have the money expect to be gouged.
- If you want a free holiday, we will contribute towards it.

Summary.

I think this levy send all the wrong signals to visitors to the south and is creating a short-sighted culture within council towards the visitor/tourism industry. Considering those who visit Stewart Island are high value visitors to the south we should be thinking about how to incentivise them, not consider them as easy targets to make money from. Councils have the luxury of operating in a cost plus space which is different than any other sector of the community. Using this thinking is not a positive way to look at things like this levy.

We have gone through an unprecedented two years in the tourism industry and to see the council looking to get involved in pushing up prices before we are even moving towards any sort of recovery

seems to show a disconnect with reality. Every tourism operator has had to make changes and tighten their belts and the council should understand this. We hear plenty of rhetoric about councils looking hard at their costs but never see examples of where any savings are ever made yet tourist facing businesses have seen income drops of up to 60% in the last two years and have adjusted and made savings. It's a pity we couldn't change places for a couple of years so the lessons learnt by tourism operators over the last two years could be applied to the local government sector which seems unable to live within their means.

Solution.

Councils across NZ have largely ignored the growth of the various digital disrupter platforms. This has placed an unfair burden on the existing commercial ratepayers for the growing costs to maintain and develop visitor related infrastructure and the council's contribution to Great South. All too often it seems for no other reason that councils just saying it's in the two hard basket. I am unsure how when it could be done on a computer in an office by a school student.

If council changed the rating structure to include every person, organisation or business that offers accommodation for financial reward you are putting the costs onto those who actually benefit financially by growing the southern visitor market. While the levy on specific things like this proposed levy sends a negative message, a commercial rate on **all** people who operate as a business is sending a message of fairness. Then any money spent by the council on attracting visitors to the south can be spread among those who stand to benefit the most. In a recent conversation with an ex elected official he put it to me that there are varying degrees of this happening so moving to a commercial rate would be harder on some than others. But that point is never considered with those who have restaurants or shops that operate with varying degrees of profitability.

As a region we must move on from the approach of watching for what is successful and then looking to clip the ticket on that success to a much more aspirational approach where we embrace visitors and treat them in a manner that builds the reputation that we are about making sure people go away and talk about. People have the choice on whether to look to use their properties to make extra income or not. Stewart Island is one of the biggest reasons visitors travel to the south and that flows on to the region overall as they then include other parts of the region in their itinerary.

A quick online search shows literally hundreds of homes being offered for commercial short-term accommodation in Te Anau. Riverton is another town doing the same. Not only would a simple change like this mean the rate take is a lot fairer for all those type businesses it would also help keep the rate increases for the genuine homeowners a lot more sustainable.

No doubt there would be some opposition to this but if people see the council being more proactive in putting funding into things that helped build the infrastructure that attracted more visitors to the south, they would see the longer term benefits.

We should be celebrating success and the council should be thinking more about how they can encourage the private sector to grow and do even better. Our reputation is important

I know this is a long-winded submission but it's an important subject looking forward for the tourism industry and I thank councillors for taking the time to read and consider it.

Philip Todd

Invercargill Holiday Park and Motels

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Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name Rosie Halligan
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

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Q3

Where do you usually live?

Southland (excluding Stewart Island/Rakiura)

Q4

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2 to 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$10,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
I firmly believe that there should be a levy but to increase it by 150% is somewhat harsh. A \$10.00 levy should be sufficient, especially as tourism will no doubt start to pick up. A \$15.00 levy may put a lot of people going to the island.

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Q6

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no,

comments about multi-year funding:

No, leave it at 10 years as there may well be another local government reform and this could change a multitude of by-laws and local legislation

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Increase to \$10.00 and leave it at that in the meantime. People are finding it difficult enough in the current economic climate with fuel prices, groceries, entertainment soaring in prices. Be reasonable!

Q8

yes (please enter email address):

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

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Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name

Robynne Peacock

Email Address

Phone Number

Q2

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Q3

Where do you usually live?

I am a Stewart Island/Rakiura ratepayer, but I live elsewhere

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

more than 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$5,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
A levy is a deterrent to a visitor If you decide to increase the levy then make it an annual levy only (ie paid only once per annum) It should certainly not be %45 per person It should not apply to children whatever the levy is

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6

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no,

comments about multi-year funding:
10 years is plenty long enough

Q7**Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Q8

yes (please enter email address):

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Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

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Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name **Russell Rawlings**
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

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Q3

Where do you usually live?

Southland (excluding Stewart Island/Rakiura)

Q4

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never

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$5,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
We have had visitors from the north island want to go to the island but the cost has put them off. If you put it up only the rich will be able to go. We would like to go but the cost is just too much when you are on a pension.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**no**

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Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

You will price the place off the market and drive people away and get less visiting

Q8**Respondent skipped this question**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

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Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name Neil & Jocelyn Hodges
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

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Q4

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more than 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$5,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
We feel the levy should remain similar to as is and a large increase to \$15 could be counter productive. It is already expensive enough to come to Stewart Island. Families are having a hard enough time as it is. We feel there should be a specific 10 year plan set up for the usage of the funding and at the end of the day not everything has to be done today. International visitors are already paying a levy when entering the country which we presume the council are availing themselves of.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6

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comments about multi-year funding:

If they had a specific plan in place to advise the community of the benefit of the increase it may have a more positive response.

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

We would like to see the plan for the usage of the levy - is there one?

Q8

yes (please enter email address):

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name **KF & SY Bradley**
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

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Q3

Where do you usually live?

Southland (excluding Stewart Island/Rakiura)

Q4

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more than 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$5,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).: Five dollars is a sufficient fee. Any more is not justifiable. The islands tourism infrastructure is already substantially supported by the Crown.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6

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no,

comments about multi-year funding:
Each year should have a specific project that this levy benefits

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

As above.

Q8**no**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

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Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#82

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name **Ellen Buckingham**
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

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Q3

Where do you usually live?

Stewart Island/Rakiura

Q4

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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

there should not be a visitor levy

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6

Respondent skipped this question

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Q7

Respondent skipped this question

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Q8

Respondent skipped this question

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Q9

Respondent skipped this question

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name

Judas Kynan-Wilde

Email Address

Q2

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I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Southland (excluding Stewart Island/Rakiura)

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

once

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$5,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).: Simply, the last 2 years have seen a major drop in tourism. I can't understand how the services can be under pressure and need upgrading when no one has been around to use them, but then SDC doesn't really care what we think and will do what it wants. If the levy goes up this is one Southland family that will not be visiting, especially since we would be paying for accommodation that supplied the same services

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**no**

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Q7

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Make it too expensive and people just won't go. Stewart island is an awesome place, but NZ has a lot of awesome places that don't cost us to visit

Q8**no**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

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Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

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Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name Kevin O'Sullivan
Company or organisation New Zealand Cruise Association
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

yes

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

Q3

New Zealand (excluding Southland)

Where do you usually live?

Q4

more than 5 times

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
See attached document

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6

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yes,

comments about multi-year funding:
See attached document

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Document attached

Q8

yes (please enter email address):

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9

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Submission on Stewart Is Levy - New Zealand Cruise Association.pdf (250.8KB)



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Statement of Proposal Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Policy and Bylaw

Submission from:
New Zealand Cruise Association

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Draft proposal for the Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Policy and Bylaw.

New Zealand Cruise Association has over 90 members – ports, Regional Tourism Organisations, airports, airlines, shipping agents and suppliers, major cruise lines and tourist operators.

Cruise ships have been a feature of tourism in Stewart Island for many years and the Island has been increasing in popularity for cruise passengers in the same way that it has for other visitors whether from New Zealand or overseas. 21 port calls are forecast for the 2022-23 season from December 2022 through till mid-March 2023, and they will be smaller ships of 500 passengers or fewer.

Since the levy was first set, around 10 years ago, cruise ship passengers have contributed greatly to Stewart Island through payments to the Southland District Council.

The main entrance point, using ships' tenders, is at Golden Bay, but the wharf there has been in a state of disrepair for some time and passengers landing must pay a further charge for using the adjacent pontoon. Ships sometimes use the Halfmoon Bay wharf, and, as this is managed by South Port, a further passenger charge is levied.

Proposed changes

The changes proposed in the draft policy include:

- increasing the amount of levy collected from \$5 to \$15 (including GST) from 1 October 2023;
- removing the requirement that public consultation on any increase to the levy occur via the Annual/Long Term Plan process;
- allowing multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances, increased from the current 10 years.

Levy Increase

For cruise lines the proposed increase in rates should be seen in the context of the charges that cruise ship passengers already pay to come to Stewart Island:

- Southland District Council levy
- Pilotage (additional fee per ship irrespective of tonnage)
- Halfmoon Bay wharf if used
- Golden Bay wharf - covered by the levy, but unable to be used at times
- Pontoon – charge per passenger



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- MPI - additional travel and staff charges if first port in itinerary and officers visit the Island

Currently those charges add up to around \$34 per cruise passenger on average – paid as a lump sum by the cruise line, making Stewart Island an expensive destination. The Council will be aware too that the SDC levy is on passengers carried by the ship, not passengers landing ashore. An additional \$10 levy will cast a further negative light on Stewart Island as a destination and could result in an overall lowering of the income for the Council, if ship numbers decrease.

Public Consultation

Any changes to the levy should only occur after public consultation via the LTP or Annual Plan, otherwise Council will have a licence to increase charges with little if any notice to those affected most.

Multi Year Funding

This may have an impact on benefits levy payers beyond the year that the levy is paid. However, extending the term from 10 years to 30 years and only in exceptional circumstances, recognises the long term nature of many infrastructure projects.

Projects Eligible for Visitor Levy Funding

Table 1 of the Statement of Proposal identifies a multitude of items that Council believes should be funded or part funded from the visitor levy. The total project cost is listed as \$9,650,552 (30% funded from levy) but contains many activities that should not be funded, even in part, from the visitor levy.

For example \$1.9m for supply of electricity, wastewater cables etc \$1.3m – these projects should be funded from rates or from government grants. Funding for DOC track maintenance (\$1.8) should not come from the Stewart Island levy – the International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy (IVL) has a strong component of conservation funding, and track maintenance should come from the IVL.

Conclusion

What remains is mostly more reasonable – jetty maintenance, toilets and local community funding although still amounting to more than \$4m in total capital costs. Although these projects should be part of an appeal to central government for funding too.

The levy has not increased for 10 years, and of course costs have gone up considerably in that time. From the cruise ships point of view though:

- There has been little direct benefit in improved infrastructure. Golden Bay wharf continues to be in poor repair and only the privately owned pontoon allows ships' tenders to land safely.
- Passengers pay the levy whether or not they land on Stewart Island –
- this was put in place for ease of administration, but, with a proposed increase in costs, charging some passengers for a benefit they do not receive is inequitable.



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- Visiting cruise ship passengers already contribute to the economics of the Island through retailers and tour providers on Stewart Island.

Stewart Island will continue to be a popular destination and a place that is regarded as largely unspoiled, so cruise lines understand the need for a levy to build and maintain tourist infrastructure, but the Council should understand that the cost for cruised ships to visit Stewart Island is already very high, and look to fund some projects from other revenue or grants.

Recommendation

That the projects shown to be suitable for levy funding be reviewed and a more reasonable rate set, considerably lower than \$15 per passenger.

- New Zealand Cruise Association wishes to be heard in support of this submission.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K O'Sullivan".

Kevin O'Sullivan
New Zealand Cruise Association
Chief Executive Officer

31 March 2022

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

#85

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name Sharon Pasco
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person. yes

Q3

Where do you usually live? Stewart Island/Rakiura

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura? Respondent skipped this question

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$5,

comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:

I do not support an increase in the visitor levy at this time, when Covid and increasing fuel prices are playing havoc with visitor numbers to the island. Additional costs to travel to the island could very well reduce the number of visitors to the island and thereby cancel out any benefits of an increase. I already have friends and extended family members who no longer can afford to visit the island and find it insulting that it is can be cheaper to fly from Invercargill to Auckland than to travel from Invercargill or Bluff to Stewart Island. Although residents do not pay the levy, indirectly this does increase costs for residents, everytime they need to get a service person to travel to the island - electricians, hairdresser, doctor, etc to name but a few.

Q6

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

no,

comments about multi-year funding:

Given the fluctuations that can occur to visitor numbers, I don't believe that moving the goalposts from 10 to 30 years is justifiable.

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Support for the visitor levy, I believe was originally given to minimise the costs to ratepayers for providing services like public toilets and footpaths. There is actually a need for these in any community and so the visitor level should not completely absolve the council from providing such services. I do not support infrastructure that detracts from the natural environment, ie things like the proposed viewing platform at Observation Rock, one of the island's most well known attractions. The charm is that it is a natural view point. Not everything needs to be commercial and to say that it is for H&S reasons is ridiculous - to go down that line would require fencing around every wharf, etc where stupid people could fall.

Q8

yes (please enter email address):

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name Denise Schofield
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

I am a Stewart Island/Rakiura ratepayer, but I live elsewhere

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$5,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
I believe the existing levy should remain the same.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

yes,

comments about multi-year funding:

With the provision that the project matches the guidelines and review processes are in place to monitor the effectiveness.

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

The proposed increase impacts on Stewart Islanders Whānau well being and connectedness. The levy is an additional cost when family return home to the Island. The cost of family returning home is already significantly more than any other NZ experience. This is the third submission in recent years I have undertaken about the levy. It is time the SDC listen to Stewart Islanders - residents and businesses. Tourism provides employment for many Islanders, enables them to reside, raise families and contribute to the community. The proposed increase will deter the average NZ family from visiting - thus impacting on the viability of Stewart Island tourism.

Q8

yes (please enter email address):

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name	John
Company or organisation	Stewart Island Flights
Email Address	
Phone Number	

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Stewart Island/Rakiura

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$10,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
I agree to an increase however 300%, really, lets make the island affordable and attractive to visitors.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**no**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7**Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Q8**no**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name Ivan MacIntosh
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Southland (excluding Stewart Island/Rakiura)

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

more than 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

there should not be a visitor levy

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**yes**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

comments coming by separate email c/o Phoebe

Q8**Respondent skipped this question**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

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STEWART ISLAND VISITOR LEVY

Scrap the visitor levy completely.

Having browsed through the levy discussion document I guess this seasons \$5 levy has already been spent compiling it and future administration will keep chipping away at it.

I worked on the ferry service for 9 years (now retired) and have a good handle on what happens "at the coal face" The Bluff terminal staff frequently commented on the the number of walk in off the street bookings that walked out again because of the high cost of fares, the ever increasing compliance costs for operating ferries and planes does not help.

97 percent of Stewart Island area is occupied by Department of Conservation and Maori lands the other 3 percent is I presume what you call the small rating base. It is time to stop treating that 3 percent as an isolated case and make it inclusive within the greater Southland District.

Remember visitors to Stewart Island travel through the Southland district and out again to access Stewart Island spending tourist dollars on their journey.

Ivan MacIntosh



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Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name

Iona and Rangi Karaitiana

Email Address

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Stewart Island/Rakiura

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$10,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).: We believe \$15 is to much, for the adverage family to come and visit our Island. Even \$10 will be hard to do for most familys

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**unsure**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7**Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Q8**Respondent skipped this question**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name **Bruce Dickens**
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Southland (excluding Stewart Island/Rakiura)

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

more than 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$5

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**yes**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7**Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Q8**no**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name **Len Lind**
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Stewart Island/Rakiura

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

there should not be a visitor levy,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
Charge all visitors to Southland a levy, why single out Stewart Island.

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Q6**yes**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Yes, ask them to bring their own fresh water.

Q8**yes (please enter email address):**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name	Philip kean
Company or organisation	Mainlandair
Email Address	
Phone Number	

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

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Q3

Where do you usually live?

Southland (excluding Stewart Island/Rakiura)

Q4

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more than 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$5,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
In these times it should stay as

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**yes**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7**Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Q8**no**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name	Bill Moffatt
Company or organisation	Stewart Island Flights
Email Address	
Phone Number	

Q2

yes

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

Q3

Southland (excluding Stewart Island/Rakiura)

Where do you usually live?

Q4

more than 5 times

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$5,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
The levy allocation process works very well as it stands. There is usually money left over every year and doesn't need to increase at all. The SDC study has widened the scope of the required spending to be outside the original intent of the levy itself. SDC are now including essential infrastructure in their calculations which is outside the intent of the levy and required for all residents on the island.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

no,

comments about multi-year funding:
30 years is far to long to commit to long term funding especially in light of just what's happened over the last two years.

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Stewart Island is an expensive destination to visit compared to the Catlins, Te Anau, Milford or Lumsden. Tourists are put off by the cost to visit now. Any increase in the levy will just deter more tourists from visiting Stewart Island. The levy was originally put in place to mitigate the effect of the massive tourist influx at Stewart Island. This has never happened, with numbers very similar to what they were twenty years ago. SDC couldn't justify the increase last time they tried so now by expanding outside the original intent of the levy they believe they can now justify this. It is just wrong.

Q8

yes (please enter email address):

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

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Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name	Darelle Jenkins
Company or organisation	Hospitality New Zealand, Southland Branch
Email Address	
Phone Number	

Q2

yes

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

Q3

Southland (excluding Stewart Island/
Rakiura)

Where do you usually live?

Q4

once

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

How much should the visitor levy be?

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6

Respondent skipped this question

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Q8

Respondent skipped this question

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9

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Hospitality New Zealand

TO SOUTHLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

**SUBMISSION ON
STEWART ISLAND/RAKIURA
VISITOR LEVY POLICY AND BYLAW**

MARCH 2022

CONTACT DETAILS: Hospitality New Zealand

About Hospitality New Zealand:

1. Hospitality New Zealand ("Hospitality NZ") is a member-led, not-for-profit organisation representing approximately 3,000 businesses, including cafés, restaurants, bars, nightclubs, commercial accommodation, country hotels and off-licences.
2. Hospitality NZ has a 119-year history of advocating on behalf of the hospitality and tourism sector and is led by Chief Executive Julie White. We have a team of seven Regional Managers located around the country, and a National Office in Wellington to service our members.
3. Hospitality NZ has a Board of Management, made up of elected members from across the sectors of the industry, and an Accommodation Advisory Council, made up of elected members from the accommodation sector.
4. We also have 18 local Branches covering the entire country, representing at a local level all those member businesses which are located within the region. Any current financial member of Hospitality NZ is automatically a member of the local Branch.
5. This submission relates to the Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Policy and Bylaw.
6. Enquiries relating to this submission should be referred to Darelle Jenkins, Regional Manager – Lower South Island, at darelle@hospitality.org.nz and 0226834249.

General Comments:

7. Hospitality New Zealand welcomes the opportunity to comment on Southland District Council's Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Policy and Bylaw.

Visitor Levy

8. Hospitality NZ is disappointed that there is hardly any mention of Stewart Island in Southland's Murihiku Destination Strategy ("SMDS"). Levy increases should be considered within a cohesive strategy for the region.
9. Hospitality NZ would in principle, accept the increase to the levy. However, Hospitality NZ would need assurances that these decisions aren't being made in isolation considering the Levy isn't considered within the scope of the SMDS.
10. It is pleasing to read that Stewart Island had an increase of 26% in visitors from June 2020- November 2020 on the previous year.¹
11. Hospitality NZ would like Southland District Council to be aware that increasing the levy may disincentivise people to visit Stewart Island.
12. Hospitality NZ is disappointed that Tourism and Hospitality operators would be the ones to bare the brunt if visitors were to decrease due to the levy increase.

¹<https://greatsouth.nz/storage/app/media/Publications/Southland%20Murihiku%20Destination%20Strategy%20Update%20Report%20-%20A4.pdf>

13. While we appreciate that Council has additional costs incurred through Covid, our members and the wider business community still face huge costs across increased compliance, minimum wage increases, higher supplier costs, and local government charges. They need all the support they can get from Council's and Regional Tourism Organisations to encourage and increase visitors.
14. Hospitality NZ members are asking for some transparency in how the levy revenue is being spent and how the increase would be spent.
15. Hospitality NZ would like to know if the three approved operators that collect the Levy will have a say in what the levy revenue gets spent on.

Conclusion:

16. We thank Southland District Council for the opportunity to provide input into the consultation.
17. We would be happy to discuss any parts of this submission in more detail, and to provide any assistance that may be required.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name	Scott milne
Company or organisation	Next investment
Email Address	
Phone Number	

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Southland (excluding Stewart Island/Rakiura)

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

more than 5 times

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

there should not be a visitor levy

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**no**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

NZers shouldn't have to pay to visit their own country. Ferry very expensive already.

Q8**Respondent skipped this question**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name **Ian Harrison**
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

I am a Stewart Island/Rakiura ratepayer, but I live elsewhere

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$10,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
Raising it above \$10 would impact on families going to SI and SI Businesses would suffer

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

no,

comments about multi-year funding:
Its not possible to plan ahead for 30 years

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

An easy stream of income would be to collect rates off the Maori land on SI

Q8

yes (please enter email address):

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name	Paul Norris
Company or organisation	RealNZ Limited
Email Address	
Phone Number	

Q2

yes

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

Q3

Southland (excluding Stewart Island/Rakiura)

Where do you usually live?

Q4

more than 5 times

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Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$10,

comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form):.

In principle Realnz supports an increase in the visitor levy as the current levy rate is not resulting in the collection of sufficient monies to fund tourist related infrastructure on Rakiura. Nonetheless we contend that any levy set needs to balance making more funds available to provide improved visitor facilities on Rakiura against the impact that a fee increase will have on the affordability of getting to Rakiura. That is, there is a risk that if the levy increase is too high visitors will be turned off from visiting Rakiura and significantly more funds will not be collected despite a levy increase. Noting in particular that, once New Zealand borders have reopened (post COVID-19), to 'normal travel', the New Zealanders who have been visiting Rakiura in significant numbers, will have the option of holidaying overseas and there is likely to be a flood of New Zealanders travelling offshore. Moreover, that the main international visitor market for Rakiura, has always been European visitors; to a lesser extent the North America visitors and it is still unclear when these visitors will actually return, to travelling to New Zealand.

Regarding the visitor levy being used to fund projects or infrastructure 'not specifically for the benefit of visitors' we assert that a conservative approach should be taken to funding these activities to maintain the 'buy in' or support of the visitor industry for the Stewart Island / Rakiura Visitor levy. Therefore, the example of 'power supply' should be removed from the table at the top of page 10 of Statement of Proposal. Nevertheless, we contend that the levy amount should be 'two tiered' with a high visitor / tourist season levy rate (1 October until 30 April the following year) and a low visitor / tourist season levy rate (1 May until 30 September). To assist in spreading tourist visitation out across the whole year to reduce the 'seasonality' of visitor arrivals to Rakiura. We suggest a levy rate of \$10 (incl GST) for high visitor / tourist season and \$7.00 (incl GST) for low visitor / tourist season. To prevent the current situation where the levy has stayed at \$5.00 since its introduction, we suggest the Stewart Island / Rakiura Visitor Levy should be reviewed every 5 years to set up appropriate community and business expectation regarding the future management of the levy. Nonetheless such a review should not necessarily ratchet the levy up there should be provision for the levy to reduce.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

yes,

comments about multi-year funding:

We believe proposals for multi-year funding of up to 30 years are best addressed through low interest Council Loans which are paid back from visitor levy funds. However, for such significant projects it is probably appropriate for the funding to come equally from visitor levy and rate payer sources.

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Regarding section 4.1 Who Pays; if the levy funds are to be used to fund 'DOC Rakiura Track Maintenance' then 'visiting entirely within the boundaries of the Rakiura National Park' should not be exempt from paying the visitor levy.

Q8

yes (please enter email address):

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

Submitter Background Information.docx (402.9KB)

Submitter Background Information:

Real Journeys Limited has been operating in the Fiordland National Park and Queenstown for 67 years. It is the largest tourism operator in the region and has a well-earned reputation for providing high quality excursions enjoyed by visitors from around the world. Real Journeys is one of the most successful and highly respected tourism companies in New Zealand. Ongoing staff training and a strong commitment for quality service, help maintain the company's reputation for hospitality, service, and safety. The company has a strong commitment to conservation and has directly funded several different projects in the Southland and Otago Conservancies.

In the 1954 Les and Olive Hutchins began operating the Manapouri-Doubtful Sound Tourist Company, running four-day excursions which included a Lake Manapouri cruise, a trek over the Wilmot Pass to accommodation at Deep Cove, and a cruise on Doubtful Sound. In 1966 Les and Olive acquired Fiordland Travel Ltd., with its Te Anau Glow-worm Caves and Milford Track Lake Transport operation and began trading as Fiordland Travel Limited. Ongoing expansion followed with the acquisition of the vintage steamship "TSS Earnslaw" in Queenstown in 1969 and with the establishment of cruises in Milford Sound in 1970.

Since 2002 Fiordland Travel Ltd has operated all its tourism excursions under the 'Real Journeys' brand; in 2004 Stewart Island Experience was established; and in 2006 the company changed its name to Real Journeys Limited. In 2013 Real Journeys also purchased Cardrona Alpine Resort and the 155-hectare property at Walter Peak which Real Journeys previously leased. Then in 2015 Real Journeys purchased the International Antarctic Centre in Christchurch and in 2016 Real Journeys took over 100% ownership of Queenstown Rafting and purchased Kiwi Discovery which were also wrapped into the Go Orange brand. In 2018 Go Orange purchased Queenstown Water Taxis and Thunder Jet.

In October 2018 the Wayfare Group was established and each company created or acquired by Real Journeys Limited became wholly owned subsidiaries of the Wayfare Group. Due to the fallout from COVID-19 in early 2021 Go Orange was absorbed into Real Journeys and all Go Orange concessions have been assigned to Real Journeys.

Late in 2021 Wayfare has become Realnz and while Cardrona Alpine Resort, Treble Cone and the International Antarctic Centre maintain their individual brands as RealNZ experiences, all the tourism brands including all the Go Orange Products come under the umbrella of Realnz. Accordingly, the Realnz remains the largest tourism operator in the region with approximate 37 Department of Conservation Concessions / Approvals; several management agreements and operational bases in Christchurch, Milford Sound, Te Anau, Manapouri, Queenstown, Wanaka, and Stewart Island.

General Comments Regarding the 'Statement of Proposal' and Draft Stewart Island / Rakiura Visitor Levy

- a) Realnz contends that SDC needs to do some strategic planning such as 'master / spatial planning' with respect to Rakiura to create a 'plan' for the community going forward which will appropriately inform visitor levy funding decisions. That is, currently there is no framework to assist in making decisions regarding how funds should be allocated and if the levy is increased and more significant funds become available, greater rigor is required in the allocation of these funds;
- b) Also, there should be more transparency around how the funds are allocated; in particular, the information regarding the allocation of funds should be published on the SDC website including details of the outcomes from the funding rounds;
- c) Oversight needs to be applied to the use of funds, particularly funds assigned to infrastructure works as there is a risk that the visitor levy funds become regarded as an easily accessible 'pool of money' for projects tangentially related to tourism on Rakiura. We contend that there should be a requirement for regular expenditure reporting to be provided to council (and published on the SDC website) and the subcommittee on any large fund allocations;

- d) In several instances, the Rakiura Māori Lands Trust is incorrectly referred to as the Rakiura Māori Land Trust in the consultation documentation;
- e) We agree with removing the requirement that public consultation on any increase to the levy occur via the Annual/Long Term Plan process, yet continuing to comply with all legal requirements for bylaw and policy review because it is easy to miss the chance to submit through Annual/Long Term Plan process and sometimes it is difficult to pick out the relevant detail from the Annual/Long Term Plan documentation;
- f) With respect to the contract, we enter into with the Council as an approved operator, we wish to 'flag' with the council that is likely we will need to reserve the right to collect an administration fee with respect to collection of the visitor levy on behalf of the Council; because collection of the visitor levy on behalf of the Council does incur costs for us;
- g) Regarding DRAFT Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Policy; 'Group responsible: Democracy and community' – some sort of explanation is required concerning what this means for the policy and who are the group members especially given this information cannot be found about this group on the SDC website;
- h) Apropos subcommittee membership 'a member from Stewart Island/Rakiura' should read 'a member from Stewart Island/Rakiura community';
- i) We suggest that the subcommittee meet twice per year. That is meet a second time in about November each year, to advocate for projects that might require funding and provide time for a proposal to be put forward in March of the following year.
- j) Vis-à-vis allocation categories, we believe community projects should have funds allocated for up to three years, especially given that some community projects need to source funds from multiple sources with funding timeframes that do not necessarily align with Stewart Island / Rakiura Visitor Levy funding;
- k) Concerning a 'ticket issued by an approved transport operator'; the Tourism Industry is moving away from paper tickets with 'E Tickets' or email booking confirmation supplanting paper tickets accordingly Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Policy needs to consider these developments.

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name **JON SPRAGGON**
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Q3

Where do you usually live?

Stewart Island/Rakiura

Q4

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$10,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).: Would support future cost of living type increases, only if they were "promoted" by the islanders, and not from the council districtwide. Perhaps delegation given to the Community Board.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

yes,

comments about multi-year funding:
Major visitor related infrastructure projects which will require a loan if outside funding not available should be able to receive funding for up to 30 years to enable a loan to be serviced.

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Island has many infrastructure projects over next few years. The levy is only one funding source and we should not become dependent on it while not following other funding sources.

Q8**no**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name	Jon Spraggon
Company or organisation	Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board
Email Address	
Phone Number	

Q2

yes

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Q3

Stewart Island/Rakiura

Where do you usually live?

Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$10,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
The board supports an increase in the Visitor Levy, but only to \$10 at the present time. The board would also support smaller increases overtime to account for annual increases in the costs of projects

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

yes,

comments about multi-year funding:
Support up to 30year allocation to ensure that the servicing of any loan to cover urgently needed rebuild/repair of wharf infrastructure while not adversely increasing rates.

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Council needs to ensure that the allocations committee receives training in their role and that they fully understand the duties they have to undertake.

Needs to be used for major infrastructure projects that are used by visitors and not supplement items already covered by rates. (Toilets, cost of power, waste/recycling costs) Wages should be budgeted for as an cost of operating and not be reliant on levy money

Q8**no**

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

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STEWART ISLAND VISITOR LEVY

In principle the Board supports the need for an increase in the Visitor Levy but believe that an increase to \$15.00 is excessive. During the consultation process prior to the drafting of this policy the data shows that a majority of those consulted were in favor an increase of up to \$10.00 but in the draft bylaw this seems to have been ignored. Perhaps an option recommending an increase of \$10 in the options would make it look as if the consultation was required. The Board would support smaller increment increases over time to account for annual increase in costs.

The Board feels that the figures in the discussion document have been distorted by including items that

~~we feel should not at this stage part of the costings that are the basis for this discussion.~~ *are district wide.*
DOC – Developments on DOC land, [In particular Tracks], should be funded by DOC from their own funds. Some years ago, DOC handed maintenance of tracks not in the National Park to the community and these are now maintained at the expense of the local Board. People entering directly onto DOC land do not contribute to the fund.

Sewerage – This is funded on a district wide basis in our rates and as such the island is no different to any other community. I notice in the Council Report to be presented for our next Board meeting that tenders have been called for toilet replacement across Southland costing 1.9 million and I would expect that the main toilets on the island would be treated just the same, and replaced, upgrade or refurbished as part of the total Southland wide plan not as a direct charge on the levy.

Waste Services – This is a commercial operation undertaken ^{on} by SIESA and as such capital expenditure [New Truck], should be funded from charges and not by grants from the Visitor Levy. The waste services operation costs etc need a total review on the island as in its present form it is not cost effective.

SIESA – Regardless of whether the island has visitors, the reticulated system, which requires updates, would remain the same. The cost of generating the electricity is charged back against those who use it and should not be funded from the visitor levy as visitors are already paying as accommodation, activity and food providers have all included these costs in their charges.

In relation to the projects included in the Boards long term plan, we have included many items that are on our wish list but would only go ahead if a funding source was found. We took this approach as in the past we have had great difficulty in adding anything. IF an item is not funded one year, then we would include it as the priority the next year, as has occurred in relation to our projects and application this year where the path from Mill Creek towards Butterfields will be resubmitted following its rejection for any funding last year.

Board members agree that major Community infrastructure projects should be eligible for up to 30 years funding in particular if servicing a loan to allow the project to be completed.

Applications for operational costs should be only for 1 year, as this would allow time for the organisation to restructure and or re organize themselves so that they operate within their budgeted financial constraints without being propped up by levy funding.

Funding rounds should be on an annual basis.

Allocation committee members need 'training' in their role as part of this committee prior to the meeting to allocate funds. The need to review the information before them, and leave personal feelings out of their decision making.

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

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Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name	MANFRED HERZHOFF
Company or organisation	RAKIURA ADVENTURE LIMITED
Email Address	
Phone Number	

Q2

yes

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

Q3

Stewart Island/Rakiura

Where do you usually live?

Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
THE LEVY-AMOUNT NEEDS TO BE DECIDED BY
STEWART ISLAND COMMUNITY BOARD +
COUNCILLOR NOT ANYBODY NOT RESIDING ON THE
ISLAND

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

comments about multi-year funding:

SEE ABOVE: DECISIONS CONCERNING ISLAND
SHOULD BE MADE BY RESIDENTS + LOCAL
COUNCILLOR

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

SEE ABOVE

THERE ARE TWO ISSUES:

1 CONSTITUTIONAL: RAKIURA-STEWART ISLAND IS ONE OF THREE ISLANDS CONSTITUTING NZ

2 CAN AND/OR SHOULD THE CURRENT REPRESENTATION OF FULLTIME RESIDENTS BY COMMUNITY BOARD AND COUNCILLOR BE OUTVOTED BY NON-RESIDENT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES + REPRESENTATIVES?

Q8

yes (please enter email address):

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name **Graham Okey**
Email Address
Phone Number

Q2

yes

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Q3

Stewart Island/Rakiura

Where do you usually live?

Q4

Respondent skipped this question

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Q5

How much should the visitor levy be?

\$10,
comments about the levy amount (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form).:
\$10-\$15 1/2 of levy should go to SDC maintenance costs (additional) ie received by tourism on SI

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6**unsure**

Do you agree with the subcommittee being able to commit to multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure in exceptional circumstances? The current policy allows the subcommittee to give funds to an applicant in future application rounds for up to 10 years for Council and community owned infrastructure (the current allocation round, and the next nine allocation rounds). This could be done to service loans, such as to cover capital works projects. It is proposed to increase this to 30 years in exceptional circumstances, to better match the "use" of the expenditure with the "life" of the expenditure.

Q7

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

When originally proposed (1st public meeting) We were informed that funds (levy) were to elevate some of the costs of tourists to/for rate payer's

When informed we were told it could only be used to enhance visitor experiences. I believe the funds should be split between these two (ie 1/2 to SDC and 1/2 to enhancements)

Q8

yes (please enter email address):

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

none

Q9**Respondent skipped this question**

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

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Page 1: What do you think?

Q1

Please fill in your contact information.

Name	Lori Keller
Company or organisation	Tourism Industry Aotearoa
Email Address	
Phone Number	

Q2

yes

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing? Please note that Covid national protection framework levels may impact hearing dates and the ability to hold this meeting in person.

Q3

New Zealand (excluding Southland)

Where do you usually live?

Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Only answer this question if you do not usually live on Stewart Island/Rakiura. Have you ever visited Stewart Island/Rakiura?

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

How much should the visitor levy be?

Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy

Q6

Respondent skipped this question

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Q7

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have any other comments about the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy, aside from the amount of the levy? (if you need more space please attach a document at the end of this form)

Q8

Respondent skipped this question

Would you like to be informed when Council is consulting on other topics?

Q9

If you need to attach a separate document please do so here.

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**Submission to
Southland District Council on
Draft Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Policy and
Bylaw**

Date: 1 April 2022

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Tourism Industry Aotearoa (TIA) welcomes the opportunity to comment on Southland District Council's Statement of Proposal regarding the Draft Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Policy and Bylaw. This submission represents the views of Tourism Industry Aotearoa and may not necessarily represent the views of individual members.

This submission is filed without prejudice to TIA's future position. Our ability to prepare a comprehensive submission responding to the consultation document relied on the provision by Southland District Council of information relevant to the connection between the consultation document and the benefits that would accrue. If any information is provided at a later date, TIA reserve the right to comment further.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The subject of visitors directly funding local government infrastructure via visitor levies and taxes is a regular cause of debate amongst industry and government. The Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy is unique within local government funding mechanisms in New Zealand. It therefore acts as an indicator of how other regional levies might be used by Councils. An approach with sudden and significant change to levies not supported by solid insight or strategy may indicate to communities and business that enabling Councils to impose visitor levies carries with it considerable risk.
2. Local visitor levies must be reasonable, appropriately designed, have community support, and be used for initiatives that directly benefit the visitor economy. The proposed increase of \$10.00 (from \$5.00 to \$15.00) is reportedly widely unsupported in the community and this is acknowledged in the consultation document.
3. TIA supports an increase to \$10.00, subject to further work being undertaken that aligns infrastructure investment to the Destination Management Plan.
4. TIA opposes the proposal that the requirement for public consultation on any future increase to the levy occurs outside the Annual / Long-term Plan process without set timeframes for reviews.
5. TIA is supportive of the proposal to allow multi-year funding of up to 30 years (increased from 10 years) for Council and Community-owned infrastructure, as it enables Council to apply for long-term infrastructure grants/loans and spread the cost over the life of the asset.
6. More consideration needs to be given to the negative impacts of any levy increase on visitor demand.
7. Our understanding is that a proportion of the increased funds could be used to upgrade and improve council infrastructure on the island. This includes public toilets, parks, jetties, electricity supply, streetscaping, and waste and wastewater services. Other users (outside the visitor economy) make use of this infrastructure, and benefit from their upgrade and maintenance.

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8. Cruise ships visiting Stewart Island/Rakiura pay the \$5.00 levy per passenger irrespective of whether those passengers disembark or not. At a higher rate, particularly \$15.00, cruise operators may question this policy and advocate to pay on a per-person basis for only those passengers that physically visit the island.
9. There are increasingly more, and higher levies and rates being applied to visitors at both a central government level (e.g. border clearance levy, electronic travel authority, international visitor levy) and local government – commercial and targeted rate increase - impacting on the funds that visitors have for discretionary (tourism) activities.
10. Since borders closed in 2020, domestic travellers have comprised 100% of the visitor mix to the island. Now that New Zealand is reopening to the world, domestic travellers can travel overseas, and will likely do so. The predicted gradual return of international travellers to NZ, coupled with Kiwis heading overseas may contribute to a short-medium levelling-off or downturn of visitors to the island. An increase in the visitor levy may further slow visitation.

INTRODUCTION

11. Tourism Industry Aotearoa (TIA) is the peak body for the tourism industry in New Zealand. With around 1,200 members, TIA represents a range of tourism-related activities including hospitality, accommodation, adventure and other activities, attractions and retail, airports and airlines, transport, as well as related tourism services.
12. The primary role of TIA is to be the voice of the tourism industry. This includes working for members on advocacy, policy, communication, events, membership, and business capability. The team is based in Wellington and is led by Chief Executive, Rebecca Ingram.
13. Any enquiries relating to this paper should in the first instance be referred to Lori Keller,

COMMENT

Stakeholder Engagement

14. During the development of this submission, we have engaged with various TIA members and other stakeholders including RealNZ, the New Zealand Cruise Association and Stewart Island Flights. We acknowledge their input and support.

Our understanding of the proposal

15. The Southland District Council (Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy) Empowering Act came into effect in 2012, enabling Southland District Council (SDC) to charge visitors a levy for travelling to and from Stewart Island/Rakiura.

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16. At the time of introduction, the levy was set at \$5.00 (including GST). It was reviewed in 2018 and a decision was deferred until a strategic review of service delivery to Stewart Island/Rakiura was completed.
17. SDC are proposing to increase the levy from \$5.00 to \$15.00 (including GST), effective from 1 October 2023.
18. The primary driver for the levy review is to address and help fund services, facilities, and amenities that are for the use and benefit of visitors, and/or to mitigate the adverse effects of visitors on the island.
19. The draft policy also provides that commitments can be given to multi-year funding opportunities to allow applicants to plan and/or use allocations to service loans such as those drawn to cover capital work projects.

TIA opposes the proposal to increase the levy without a strategy for how the increased funds will be managed and spent, particularly as funding may be allocated to infrastructure projects.

20. The SDC Statement of Proposal notes the strain being placed on the environment and local infrastructure by increased visitor numbers. Industry stakeholders we have spoken to have reinforced this, noting that the island has aging infrastructure though a historical lack of under-investment has exacerbated this issue.
21. We are concerned about the current lack of detail and future strategy to justify the proposed increase. A 200% increase in levy from \$5.00 to \$15.00 appears unjustified until a plan for actual investment costs and destination strategy is completed. The destination plan has not yet been published, and until it has been made public, TIA proposes that the levy is maintained at the current rate. Once published, the DMP will provide strategic recommendations on high priority projects for the region. Stewart Island projects will be part of these recommendations and should be closely considered in the context of a change to the existing levy.
22. The decisions regarding the distribution of levy funds are made by a subcommittee of the SDC Community and Policy Committee. The subcommittee is solely responsible for reviewing, authorising, and approving individual applications for funding. This normally occurs annually. Our view is that this subcommittee should be maintained as it is currently structured, with Approved Operators maintaining their role on the committee.
23. TIA understands that applications for funding are received by the subcommittee once per year. If Council itself plans to apply for infrastructure funding TIA would like those plans to be made public (prior to allocation decisions) for reasons of transparency.
24. Strong oversight needs to be applied to the use of these funds provided by the visitor industry, particularly funds assigned to infrastructure works. If not in place TIA would like to see a requirement for regular expenditure (quarterly) reporting to be provided to council and the subcommittee on the progress of any large fund allocations.

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25. TIA believes the levy review process needs to stay within the well-established Long-term Plan review process which occurs every three years. There is an established strong level of transparency in this process and stakeholders are familiar with this system. It also enables an opportunity for the levy to be reviewed every three years to ensure it remains fit for purpose and over-accumulation is not occurring.

TIA does not support the proposed rate of increase to \$15.00

26. The Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board is on record in this submission document as supporting an increase of the levy to \$10.00 but does not support an increase to \$15.00. Community support is the crucial element of this position. The \$5.00 Stewart Island Levy has had the strong support of Stewart Islanders and been accepted by tourism operators and visitors. TIA would support a move to \$10.00, providing this is in alignment with the community view.
27. Comment in the consultation report mentions that the proposed increase to \$15.00 would help offset historic costs and inflation. TIA does not support this as acceptable reasoning for a levy increase as it places historic costs onto future user groups to the island.

Serious consideration needs to be given to the negative impacts of any levy increase.

28. The COVID19 pandemic has had a significant detrimental impact on New Zealand tourism. Prior to the pandemic, there was growing concern that New Zealand was becoming an expensive destination. These concerns have been amplified by supply chain constraints and significantly decreased air and sea connectivity. Visitors to NZ are sophisticated purchasers of travel – a trip to NZ is a significant expense and requires substantial planning. These international manuhiri research their trip and make comparisons to other desirable destinations.
29. There are a range of levies and fees incurred by international visitors, many of which are being reviewed by central government as they seek to recover costs and reduce expenditure. These include the border clearance levy, electronic travel authority, international visitor levy, and immigration fees and levies. Additionally local government taxes such as commercial and targeted rates have an impact on a visitor's choice to come to NZ. If they do decide to visit, the higher number of levies/costs will impact upon their ability to participate in commercial activities as visitors will tend to work to an overall budget and undertake purchasing trade-offs during the trip depending on their available funds.
30. Due to its 'bucket-list' status among New Zealanders, Stewart Island/Rakiura has maintained strong visitation throughout NZ's lockdown. Now that NZ borders are re-opening, Kiwis are once again able to travel overseas. This will undoubtedly have some impact on visitation levels. The Stewart Island visitor industry is heavily reliant upon domestic travellers, particularly outside of the peak summer season. The domestic

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visitor is very price conscious and loves a deal. There is a risk, admittedly minor, that the increased levy may deter New Zealanders.

31. A condition of any ongoing support from TIA for a levy increase is that the decision-making for funds continues to involve industry operators. We expect that Approved Operators and non-council/community members will continue to have voting rights at the relevant meeting of the Community and Policy Committee. SDC Councillors, an Iwi representative, and a member of the Finance & Audit Committee should also remain as part of the subcommittee.
32. We are advised that cruise ships visiting Stewart Island/Rakiura pay the levy per passenger irrespective of whether those passengers disembark or not. While this may be palatable at the current rate, the cruise sector may question the continuation of this practice at a higher rate. In addition, cruise ships also pay other fees including pontoon and wharf fees. Consideration needs to be given to the impact of these proposals on the cruise ship sector including a review of how the funding model is applied.
33. Our understanding of the proposal is that a proportion of the levy funds will be used to upgrade and improve infrastructure on the Island. This infrastructure benefits all user groups on the island, not just visitors. Recognition of this mixed-use component is important to maintain the integrity of the funding model.
34. The issue of visitors directly funding local government infrastructure requirements via regional levies and taxes is a cause of significant debate within industry and government. There is limited support in the TIA membership for regional visitor taxes, including regional visitor levies and bed taxes, and a belief that this infrastructure investment should be supported through existing tax systems that visitors already contribute to such as the IVL, GST. TIA supported the introduction of the government's International Visitor levy (2019) based on the premise that a significant proportion of the fund would be spent directly on tourism-related services and infrastructure. Central government is now considering an increase to the IVL.
35. While local government has a range of funding options available to it (such as residential, commercial, and targeted rates), the Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy is unique within NZ local government funding mechanisms. Because of its uniqueness, the levy also acts as a barometer on how regional levies might be managed by councils. A poorly managed approach, such as significant increases in the regional levy without solid insight or strategy to support it, could make this process an exemplar of the risk of regional visitor levies.

Follow up process

36. TIA wishes to participate further in any follow-up process, including any formal meetings, to ensure that the potential impacts on tourism are adequately represented.

Background

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37. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, tourism made a huge contribution to the New Zealand economy.

- a. Total annual tourism expenditure was \$41.9 billion – \$115 million per day.
- b. Annual international tourism expenditure was \$17.5 billion – \$48 million per day.
- c. Annual domestic tourism expenditure was \$24.4 billion – \$67 million per day.
- d. Total annual tourism expenditure had increased by almost \$15 billion, or 55%, in the past seven years.
- e. Tourism was New Zealand's biggest export industry, contributing 20.1% of total exports.
- f. Tourism generated a direct annual contribution to GDP of \$16.4 billion, or 5.5%, and a further indirect contribution of \$11.3 billion, another 3.8% of New Zealand's total GDP.
- g. 225,384 people are directly and another 158,802 indirectly employed in tourism in New Zealand – 13.6% of the total number of people employed in New Zealand.
- h. The annual GST paid by tourists is \$3.9 billion, including \$1.8 billion collected from international visitors.

38. The impacts of COVID-19 can be seen in the key tourism statistics below.

- a. total tourism expenditure was \$26.1 billion, a decrease of 37.3 percent (\$15.6 billion) from the previous year
- b. tourism generated a direct contribution to GDP of \$8.5 billion, or 2.9 percent, a decrease of 47.5 percent (\$7.7 billion), or 2.6 percentage points
- c. the number of people attributed to being directly employed in tourism was 146,295 – a decrease of 33.1 percent (72,285 people)
- d. the number of tourism employees was 126,204 – a decrease of 34.2 percent (65,550)
- e. the number of tourism working proprietors was 20,091 – a decrease of 25.1 percent (6,738)
- f. Tourism directly employed 5.2 percent of the total number of people employed in New Zealand, a decrease of 2.7 percentage points from the previous year.
- g. international tourism expenditure decreased 91.5 percent (\$16.2 billion) to \$1.5 billion
- h. international tourism's overall contribution to New Zealand's total exports of goods and services fell to 2.1 percent from 20.0 percent
- i. GST generated from international tourists totalled \$165 million, a decrease of \$1.7 billion
- j. domestic tourism expenditure increased 2.6 percent (\$622 million) to \$24.6 billion.
- k. The TSA shows a \$15 billion decline in tourism spend in the year to March 2021, and the loss of more than 72,000 jobs.

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- I. Domestic tourism spend increased slightly, but international visitor spend plummeted by 92%.

Source: Statistics NZ Tourism Satellite Account year ended March 2019 / March 2021.

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Risk management - quarterly update March 2022

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☐ Decision

☐ Recommendation

☒ Information

Purpose

- 1 The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the significant strategic and corporate risks for the March 2022 quarter.

Executive summary

- 2 The intent of the risk management reporting process is to provide Council with the relevant level of information to make informed decisions, and to provide confidence that Council's priority strategic and corporate risks are being effectively monitored and managed.
- 3 The Leadership Team (LT) has reviewed the status of the priority risk areas endorsed by Council and these were presented to the Finance and Assurance Committee (the committee) for the March 2022 quarterly risk management update. The committee oversees the strategic and corporate risk register and actively monitors the management of the top priority risks.
- 4 Following consideration at its meeting on 28 March 2022, the committee stated it had confidence in the management of the priority risks to Council for the current quarter.
- 5 After feedback from the committee each quarter, the risk management framework (RMF) requires those risks considered of significant issue to be reported to the next Council meeting.
- 6 The March 2022 quarterly risk register is presented as attachment A for Council's consideration.
- 7 The matrices used to assess the risks are included for information as attachment B.

Recommendation

That the Council:

- a) **receives the report titled “Risk management - quarterly update March 2022” dated 21 April 2022.**
- b) determines that this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- c) determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with Section 79 of the act determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.
- d) notes those risks currently assessed as of significant issue for the March 2022 quarter.

Background

- 8 The quarterly risk management report has been developed in line with Council’s RMF, which was adopted by Council in February 2019. This framework supports risk management knowledge across Council so that risk management can be understood, planned for and mitigated across all levels and activities.
- 9 As part of the RMF, Council’s priority strategic and corporate risks were identified and endorsed in June 2021 and these form the basis of quarterly risk report including the risk register.
- 10 The priority risks endorsed by Council are jointly owned by the LT, who are responsible for undertaking a comprehensive review of the status of the risks, and any emerging operational risks, on a quarterly basis. This update includes evaluation of each risk, any current and proposed mitigations, and the residual risk assessment for each. LT’s review is incorporated into the risk management update report that is presented to the committee for consideration each quarter.
- 11 All priority risks are considered of equal importance to Council and are outlined in a single tiered risk register. This allows for fluid prioritisation throughout the reporting year with resource allocated where appropriate across the top risks. Governance will continue to have a clear indication of management’s risk priorities by the utilisation of the risk thresholds and status to indicate where focus and resource could be directed each quarter.
- 12 The consequences, likelihoods and thresholds for each risk have been assessed after a review of the risk register and they reflect the highest assessed aspect of each risk for this current quarter.
- 13 The status of each risk is a summary of the mitigations that are currently in place for each risk and indicate whether the mitigations are assessed as causing the threshold to rise, lower or remain static.

Overview of Council's priority strategic risks

- 14 The risk register update for the March 2022 quarter is attached as attachment A.
- 15 The risk register has twelve priority risks of which there are two 'very high', three 'high', six 'medium' rated risk post mitigation and one risk still to be formally assessed.
- 16 These risks have received comprehensive analysis from the LT and they have been presented to the committee who stated their satisfaction that the risks were being appropriately monitored and managed.
- 17 Seven risks are assessed as having a pre-mitigation risk threshold of very high. The residual threshold for two of these is assessed as remaining static at very high, three reducing to high, and two reducing to medium, as a result of the mitigations currently in place.
- 18 Four risks are assessed as having a pre-mitigation threshold of high. The residual threshold for all four risks is assessed as reducing to medium.

Issues

- 19 This section of the report highlights key issues or changes to the strategic risk register this quarter.
- 20 Key issues to note this quarter include:

Change and reform

- 21 This risk continues to be assessed as worsening this quarter.
- 22 Central government regulatory reforms will continue to impact on Council's objectives, structures, strategy and processes.
- 23 The three waters and resource management act reforms along with the review of local government will continue to be monitored and assessed to ensure adequate awareness and understanding at both management and governance levels.
- 24 Councillors and elected members have attended recent LGNZ zoom workshops discussing issues around the future for local government. These issues include roles and functions, treaty partnerships, responsive local leadership and fiscal sustainability
- 25 It will be essential that Council positions itself to take advantage of opportunities to influence legislative development and potential transition planning on behalf of the District where possible.

Covid-19 response

- 26 Although this risk was not formally assessed when reported on as an emergent risk in December 2021, it is assessed as worsening over the last quarter due to the uncertainty of Omicron impacts and the potential for other variants.
- 27 The emergence and impact of the Covid-19 Omicron variant has been prominent this quarter, especially the health, safety and wellbeing impacts, financial implications, and resourcing issues for the organisation.

- 28 The Incident Management Team (IMT) has continued to manage Council's response as community cases have emerged in the District. This has included adapting to changes to central government's Covid-19 response strategy including the devolution of isolation management back into the community.
- 29 The IMT's primary focus this quarter has been the provision of support and advice to the organisation in response to impacts on critical services and the wellbeing of staff and community.

Process:

- 30 The IMT utilised a risk matrix to assess critical services and develop a prioritised list of services/roles which has enabled:
- the separation of key essential roles into bubbles so that teams should not all be impacted simultaneously
 - all teams to have documented plans for preparedness
 - documented second and third fall back plans developed to allow agility and flexibility
 - a requirement for contractors to ensure they have appropriate contingency plans in place.
- 31 Working remotely has meant the risk of Covid spread has been reduced and the organisation has showed that the majority of work can be done offsite.
- 32 While key internal controls are currently continuing to operate effectively, external issues of supply chain constraints and the potential for critical skills shortages are addressed elsewhere in this report.
- 33 Where there have been impacts to services and Council has faced potential criticism, such as the closure of libraries and area offices, the community has largely been supportive and the organisation has suffered no reputational damage.
- 34 Council has also had positive feedback from the community for its proactive steps to investigate different ways of delivering services such as click and collect and area offices opened briefly for rates payments.

People

- 35 People leaders have been monitoring productivity levels, barriers, and the wellbeing of their teams. This is currently being done informally with monitoring via conversations rather than surveys to not overload staff already at capacity.
- 36 Regular delivery of information has utilised communication channels from chief executive to staff via a weekly newsletter Kia Korero, and to governance via a weekly elected member newsletter. In addition, weekly meetings have been held between the mayor and chief executive.
- 37 The first 'virtual' staff meeting was held this quarter and this is proposed to be undertaken regularly going forwards.

Resource and delivery

- 38 This risk continues to be assessed as worsening.
- 39 The impact of Covid-19 has increased the challenges the organisation has to face balancing the combined impacts of inflation, escalating cost components, and labour/supply chain constraints. Market capacity and access to supply chain impacts are evolving on a daily basis with changes from central government and market players clamping down on material delivery.
- 40 The current volatility of the market, both nationally and globally, has meant that staff have had to consider different and increasingly flexible ways of procuring materials and services to reduce risk, for example, consideration of alliance type tendering.
- 41 Procurement plans will need to be updated to reflect current climate regarding Covid 19 and the effects e.g. corporate material controls, availability and/or lead in times required to secure certain high demand materials, volatility of material pricing and labour price increases.
- 42 Council is not currently being impacted by skilled staffing shortages however in the pandemic environment, the private sector now beginning to compete in terms of incentives traditionally offered by the public sector such as flexibility, less intensive work hours and a focus on mental health and wellbeing.
- 43 With a pool of applicants ‘window shopping’, some of Council’s traditional incentives may need to change to compete with private sector with applicants increasingly looking for health insurance, vehicles, phones, flexibility etc. Local government is still seen as holding its own in terms of job security and longevity and Southland as a region is seen as a drawcard at present with interest shown from those seeking better work/life balance and opportunities for families.

Next steps

- 44 The quarterly risk review process has begun for the June 2022 quarter and this will be presented to both committee and Council when they next meet.
- 45 Also underway is the annual formal review of Council’s priority corporate and strategic risks by staff and LT.
- 46 This will be presented to the committee when it meets 8 June 2022 for recommendation, and to Council for adoption on 21 June 2022 to become operational 1 July 2022.

Attachments

- A Risk register - Council - March 2022 quarter [↓](#)
- B Risk matrices - risk management framework [↓](#)



Quarterly risk register – March 2022

Council – 27 April 2022

STRATEGIC RISK SUMMARY TABLE											
Change & reform	Climate change	Compliance and fraud	Covid 19 response	Cyber-security	Data & systems	Disaster event	Health, safety & wellbeing	Public health	Relationships & reputation	Resource & delivery	Strategy & direction
PRE TREATMENT THRESHOLD											
High	Very high	High		Very High	High	Very high	Very high	Very high	Very high	Very high	High
POST TREATMENT THRESHOLD											
Medium	High	Medium		Medium	Medium	Very high	Very high	High	High	Medium	Medium
RISK STATUS FOR THE CURRENT QUARTER IS ASSESSED AS:											
Worsening	Static	Static		Static	Improving	Static	Static	Static	Static	Worsening	Static
RISK LEAD											
Chief executive					Leadership team						Chief executive
ACTION OFFICER											
Strategic project lead	Environmental planning manager Services & assets leadership team	Building solutions manager Environmental planning manager Strategic manager water & waste Transactional project lead	Incident management team	Business solutions manager		Communications manager Environmental planning manager Services & assets leadership team	Health, safety & wellbeing advisor	Strategic manager water & waste Asset manager – water & waste	All	Commercial infrastructure manager Project delivery manager	Leadership team

Risk register template
1/06/2019

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Strategic risk CHANGE AND REFORM			
DESCRIPTION	Risk that Council has inadequate adaptability to respond to a continuously changing environment		Status: Worsening
Risk management framework CATEGORY	Strategic	Risk register LINKS	Climate change Compliance Strategy and direction
RISK LEAD	Chief executive	ACTION OFFICER	Strategic project lead
POTENTIAL RISK TRIGGERS	<p><u>External:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • changes in central government political direction and/or decision-making • changes in community/stakeholder service level expectations • sector messaging creating uncertainty for business, communities and organisation <p><u>Internal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • organisational lack of agility and resilience due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ inadequate capacity and capability ○ complexity and effectiveness of organisational systems and processes ○ siloed culture ○ political personalities, trust and relationships ○ loss of key staff/elected members ○ inadequate contingency planning ○ ineffective change communication ○ lack of strategic direction 		
PRE TREATMENT THRESHOLD	Consequence: Moderate	Likelihood: Likely	High



CURRENT MITIGATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • monitoring of macro trends/broader environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ taking an apolitical approach to continue momentum on projects ○ continued engagement with LGNZ to monitor anticipated reforms from central government ○ work to understand implications of climate changes to communities and how this will impact on service delivery • improving organisational resilience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ review and improve systems/procedures around data capture, management and storage ○ review of current internal structures and practices to ensure they are fit for purpose ○ review and identify process to increase adaptiveness and agility of governance/management/staff • improving financial resilience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ monitoring of macro trends/broader environment ○ ensuring the ability to urgently reprioritise capital spending and/or community levels of service spending • maintain trust and confidence of our communities through effective communication and engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ continued engagement/collaboration with neighbouring councils/central government / governance/management/ staff level relationships 		
POST TREATMENT THRESHOLD	Consequence:	Moderate	Likelihood: Possible
	Medium		
PROPOSED MITIGATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • leadership forum 		
COMPLETED MITIGATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • none reported for the March 2022 quarter 		



Strategic risk CLIMATE CHANGE				
DESCRIPTION	Risk that Council fails to adapt to, or mitigate the effects of, climate change impacts			Status: Static
Risk management framework CATEGORY	Health, safety and wellbeing Regulatory and compliance	Strategic Social, cultural and environmental	Risk register LINKS	Change and reform Disaster event
RISK LEAD	Leadership team		ACTION OFFICER	Environmental planning manager Services and assets leadership team
POTENTIAL RISK TRIGGERS	<u>External:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ineffective clear advice to enable evidence-based quality decisions due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> variability and uncertainty in climate change modelling changes in political direction <u>Internal:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> inadequate consideration of climate impacts in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> strategic decision-making fit for purpose activity management 			
PRE TREATMENT THRESHOLD	Consequence:	Major	Likelihood:	Likely
	Very high			
CURRENT MITIGATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> effective governance, strategies and plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> infrastructure planning to have activity-based approach to address zoning decisions climate change considerations included in draft Long Term Plan 21/31, draft infrastructure strategy, activity management plans ensuring continued compliance with appropriate national and regional plans build knowledge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> understand and identify implications of climate changes to communities and how this will impact service delivery 			



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ research programme including stakeholders ○ continuing to engage with LGNZ and central government to monitor anticipated reform change ○ continuing to engage at regional level on information gathering and analysis relating to hazards ● build capacity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ adequate borrowing capacity in place through the financial strategy to assist with recovery costs ○ Local Authority Protection Programme insurance in place ○ emergency resourcing in place and available 	
POST TREATMENT THRESHOLD	Consequence: Major	Likelihood: Possible
	High	
PROPOSED MITIGATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● development of a climate change strategy which will identify and prioritise actions towards managing climate change impacts ● development of a draft climate change policy that sets out appropriate climate change scenarios to use, governance for climate change, capability and capacity requirements ● investigate Council's carbon footprint to better understand actions required to reduce Council's operational emissions 	
COMPLETED MITIGATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● none reported for the March 2022 quarter 	



Strategic risk COMPLIANCE AND FRAUD			
DESCRIPTION	Risk that Council is unable to adapt to the impacts of fraud and increasing compliance standards on the organisation		Status: Static
Risk management framework CATEGORY	Financial Regulatory and compliance	Strategic Risk register LINKS	Public health Reputation Service delivery
RISK LEAD	Leadership team	ACTION OFFICERS	Building solutions manager Environmental planning manager Strategic manager water & waste Transactional project lead
POTENTIAL RISK TRIGGERS	<u>External:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> central government changes to the regulatory standards for compliance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> external attempts to perpetrate fraud <u>Internal:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> community and stakeholder service-level expectations not being met breakdown in internal controls resulting in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> continued or serious breaches leading to increased compliance requirements and regulation poor resource allocation/prioritisation complacency emotionally and financially stressed staff lack of training and awareness remote/flexible working 		
PRE TREATMENT THRESHOLD	Consequence: Catastrophic	Likelihood: Unlikely	
	High		



CURRENT MITIGATIONS	<p>Fraud:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • effective governance, strategies and plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ fraud policy adopted, fraud officers nominated and fraud awareness training initiated ○ external and internal audits, segregation of duties and well established documented approvals process ○ well documented and aligned procurement process - procurement policy and manual adopted and training workshops initiated <p>Compliance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ensuring continued compliance with appropriate national and regional plans • effective governance, strategies and plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ prioritisation of projects to ensure compliance is maintained ○ forward planning for resourcing works programme ○ documented process and procedures, internal and external audit, staff training, strengthened links between teams and quality assurance processes • collaborative governance group meetings 		
POST TREATMENT THRESHOLD	Consequence:	Catastrophic	Likelihood: Rare
	Medium		
PROPOSED MITIGATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • internal audit registers proposed for all compliance functions with a minimum internal audit target set for each • quality assurance system broadened to include other 'at risk' areas of Council 		
COMPLETED MITIGATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • none reported for the March 2022 quarter 		



Strategic risk COVID-19 RESPONSE

DESCRIPTION				Status
Risk management framework CATEGORY	Strategic	Risk register LINKS		
RISK LEAD	Chief executive	ACTION OFFICER	Incident management team	
POTENTIAL RISK TRIGGERS	<u>External:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• changes in central government political direction and/or decision-making• changes in community/stakeholder service level expectations• sector messaging creating uncertainty for business, communities and organisation <u>Internal:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• insufficient organisational agility and resilience due to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ inadequate capacity and capability○ ineffectiveness of organisational systems and processes○ absence of key staff/elected members○ inadequate contingency planning○ ineffective change communication• critical asset failure that impacts safety as a result of poor resource allocation/prioritisation• ineffective clear advice to enable evidence-based quality decisions due to variability and uncertainty• inadequate or ineffective engagement, communication, governance• ineffective or lack of collaboration /partnership• relationship mismanagement• inadequate contingency planning			



PRE TREATMENT THRESHOLD	Consequence:	Likelihood:
CURRENT MITIGATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • monitoring of broader environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ continued engagement/collaboration with other agencies/stakeholders, neighbouring local authorities and central government ○ work to understand implications of pandemic on the community and how this will impact on service delivery • improving organisational resilience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ monitor, review and improve systems/procedures around remote/flexible working ○ monitor and review of current internal structures and practices to ensure they are fit for purpose ○ monitor, review and identify processes to increase adaptiveness and agility of governance/management/staff ○ monitor capacity, resilience, stress and capability gaps of staff • improving financial resilience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ monitoring of broader environment ○ ensuring the ability to urgently reprioritise capital spending and/or community levels of service spending • maintain trust and confidence of our communities through effective communication and engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ continued engagement/collaboration with neighbouring councils/central government / governance/management/ staff level relationships 	
POST TREATMENT THRESHOLD	Consequence:	Likelihood:
PROPOSED MITIGATIONS		
COMPLETED MITIGATIONS		



Strategic risk							CYBER SECURITY	
DESCRIPTION		Risk that Council's systems are vulnerable to cyber-attack and/or error					Status: Static	
Risk management framework CATEGORY		Financial Operational	Regulatory and compliance	Risk register LINKS	Data and systems Disaster event	Reputation Service delivery		
RISK LEAD		Leadership team		ACTION OFFICER	Business solutions manager			
POTENTIAL RISK TRIGGERS		<u>External:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">external threat attemptscomplacency with regard to international trends and attacks <u>Internal:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">technical failure to protect IT systems<ul style="list-style-type: none">increasing digitisation without integration with processesinadequate cyber strategyunderinvestment/lack of maintenancebreakdown of internal controls<ul style="list-style-type: none">inadequate IT security awareness/culture/behaviours /competency potentially resulting in malicious or innocent employee activitiesremote/flexible working creating less secure connections						
PRE TREATMENT THRESHOLD		Consequence: Catastrophic		Likelihood: Possible				
		Very high						
CURRENT MITIGATIONS		<ul style="list-style-type: none">increased digital protection<ul style="list-style-type: none">E-delivery project, regular updating of IT equipment including enhanced mobilityeffective governance, strategies and plans<ul style="list-style-type: none">cyber security strategy, SAM for compliance, disaster recovery plan						



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> improve internal controls <ul style="list-style-type: none"> phone systems, systems back up, role based controls in place establishment of cyber security engineer role completed 		
POST TREATMENT THRESHOLD	Consequence:	Catastrophic	Likelihood: Rare
	Medium		
PROPOSED MITIGATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> improve internal controls: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> mobile device management (MDM) 		
COMPLETED MITIGATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> improve internal controls: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> phone systems reviewed and additional back up contracts in place system back up completed and regular testing of rebuild included in disaster recovery plan recruitment of cyber security engineer 		

Mar 2022



Strategic risk DATA AND SYSTEMS			
DESCRIPTION	Risk of ineffective and inefficient use of information in Council's decision-making		
	Status: Improving		
Risk management framework CATEGORY	Financial Operational	Strategic	Risk register LINKS Cyber security
RISK LEAD	Leadership team	ACTION OFFICER	Leadership team
POTENTIAL RISK TRIGGERS	<u>Internal:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> inability to maximise effectiveness of information systems and tools due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> complexity of organisational systems lack of integration/alignment across information systems lack of analytics capability/capacity insufficient data governance poor resource allocation/prioritisation cyber security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> inefficient systems which are vulnerable to attack and/or error 		
PRE TREATMENT THRESHOLD	Consequence: Moderate	Likelihood: Likely	
	High		
CURRENT MITIGATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> review and improve systems/procedures around data capture, management and storage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> implementation of asset management tool (IPS) contract alignment staff training and reporting options implementation of metadata standards established infrastructure design standards effective communication 		



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ part of BAU with operational reporting to community boards • effective resourcing ○ recruitment has been completed and currently being utilised to resolve the backlog of Three Waters data 		
POST TREATMENT THRESHOLD	Consequence:	Moderate	Likelihood: Possible
	Medium		
PROPOSED MITIGATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review and prioritisation of data analytics 		
COMPLETED MITIGATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • asset management workshops • recruitment of data/GIS temporary resources to resolve backlog of 3-Waters data • communication with community – part of BAU with operational reporting via community leadership team and services & assets 		

Dec 21
Jun 21
Jun 21



Strategic risk		DISASTER EVENT			
DESCRIPTION	Risk that Council is unable to respond to the consequences of a natural or human-induced event impacting the District				Status: Static
Risk management framework CATEGORY	Financial	Social, cultural and environmental	Risk register LINKS	Climate change Cyber security	Public health Relationships
RISK LEAD	Leadership team		ACTION OFFICERS	Communications manager Environmental planning manager Services & assets leadership team	
POTENTIAL RISK TRIGGERS	<u>External:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• biosecurity outbreak• severe weather event• disaster caused by failure of man-made structure• natural disaster event without warning or build up• global financial crisis <u>Internal:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• critical asset failure that impacts safety as a result of poor resource allocation/prioritisation• insufficient organisational agility and resilience• ineffective clear advice to enable evidence-based quality decisions due to variability and uncertainty• inadequate or ineffective engagement, communication, governance• ineffective or lack of collaboration /partnership• relationship mismanagement• inadequate contingency planning				
PRE TREATMENT THRESHOLD	Consequence:	Catastrophic		Likelihood:	Possible
	Very high				



CURRENT MITIGATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • emergency management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ collaboration on emergency management response approach across agencies and the region ○ emergency response and pandemic plans ○ community emergency response plans ○ ensuring warning systems and protocols are in place e.g. flood monitoring system, tsunami alerts • business continuity planning • infrastructure resilience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ identify strategic sites at risk and develop plan for their maintenance and return to normal ○ criticality assessment and asset identification ratings ○ availability of technical expertise to manage, monitor, operate and maintain critical infrastructure ○ infrastructure strategy 		
POST TREATMENT THRESHOLD	Consequence: Catastrophic	Likelihood: Possible	
	Very high		
PROPOSED MITIGATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • none reported for the March 2022 quarter 		
COMPLETED MITIGATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • documented plans for preparedness undertaken across organisation 		Mar 2022



Strategic risk		HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING			
DESCRIPTION	Risk of health, safety and wellbeing harm to staff, contractors and community				Status: Static
Risk management framework CATEGORY	Health, safety and wellbeing	Operational	Risk register LINKS	Public health	Reputation
RISK LEAD	Leadership team		ACTION OFFICER	Health, safety & wellbeing advisor	
POTENTIAL RISK TRIGGERS	<u>External:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• complacency leading to greater risks being taken by the community of public safety issues <u>Internal:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• poor health and safety culture and/or behaviours across the organisation leading to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ stressed disengaged staff○ increased staff workloads○ limited capability and capacity○ inadequate governance understanding of role/accountability• competing priorities:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ deferred maintenance / under resourcing○ time pressures and/or complacency leading to acceptance of high levels of risk• failure to engage with and listen to the community• failure to act on lessons learned from near misses and incidents (including lessons from other industry experiences)• BCP and Pandemic Plans not adhered to				
PRE TREATMENT THRESHOLD	Consequence:	Catastrophic		Likelihood:	Highly likely
	Very high				
CURRENT MITIGATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ effective governance, strategies and plans<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ health and safety wellbeing policy and framework				



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ health and safety strategic road map 2021-23○ health and safety gap analysis – development of a prioritisation programme to address gap analysis recommendations○ health and safety risk management framework implemented across organisation○ pandemic business continuity plan in place and current○ organisational culture<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ wellbeing programme○ ongoing education process with staff about the controls in place along with continued monitoring of their effectiveness○ comprehensive audit framework○ collaboration with other agencies	
POST TREATMENT THRESHOLD	Consequence: Catastrophic	Likelihood: Possible
	Very high	
PROPOSED MITIGATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● as part of ongoing training for governance and management, due diligence reviews currently being prepared ready for the new triennium	
COMPLETED MITIGATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● health, safety & wellbeing review undertaken and improvements actioned● wellbeing calendar launched● health and safety risk management framework in place● health and safety competency register developed across the organisation● revised HS&W dashboard reporting prepared for LT and governance reporting providing hot spot data● core improvement in standardisation of contract administration process	<div>Dec 21</div> <div>Sep 21</div> <div>Dec 21</div> <div>Sep 21</div> <div>Jun 21</div> <div>Jun 21</div>



Strategic risk							PUBLIC HEALTH	
DESCRIPTION		Risk that Council exposes the community to a public health emergency					Status: Static	
Risk management framework CATEGORY		Financial Health, safety and wellbeing Operational	Regulatory and compliance Social, cultural and environmental	Risk register LINKS		Compliance and fraud Disaster event	Health, safety and wellbeing	
RISK LEAD		Leadership team		ACTION OFFICERS		Strategic manager water & waste Asset manager – water & waste		
POTENTIAL RISK TRIGGERS		<u>External:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">severe weather, natural disaster, a fire, chemical spillcomplacency leading to greater risks being taken by the community of public safety issues e.g. potential for unknown residential connection to stock water supplies resulting in contamination event <u>Internal:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">failures in asset maintenance<ul style="list-style-type: none">ineffective clear advice to enable evidence-based quality decisions results in poor understanding of the health and safety risks within Council's facilities and services providedcompeting priorities lead to deferred maintenance across portfolio and/or under resourcingtime pressures and/or complacency leading to acceptance of high levels of riskhuman error / inappropriate behaviours / criminal behaviours or damage at Council assetsfailure to engage with and listen to the communityfailure to act on lessons learned from near misses and incidents (including lessons from other industry experiences)BCP and Pandemic Plans not adhered to						
PRE TREATMENT		Consequence: Catastrophic			Likelihood: Highly likely			



THRESHOLD	Very High		
CURRENT MITIGATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ensure compliance with appropriate national and regional plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> robust compliance monitoring system prioritised programme of review including sanitary assessment report and water safety plans condition assessments for assets review of public access to operational sites effective business continuity planning in place from both organisation and contractors 		
POST TREATMENT THRESHOLD	Consequence:	Catastrophic	Likelihood: Unlikely
	High		
PROPOSED MITIGATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> review of sanitary assessment report and water safety plans increased public education and awareness of requirements of the Health Act effective communication strategy in place for potential contamination event 		
COMPLETED MITIGATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> recruitment of water safety officer establishment of water and waste leadership team documented plans for preparedness undertaken across organisation and required from contractors 		Dec 21 Sep 21 Mar 22



Strategic risk						RELATIONSHIPS AND REPUTATION	
DESCRIPTION		Risk that Council fails to manage its local, regional and national relationships Risk that Council suffers reputational damage because of service delivery failure				Status: Static	
Risk management framework CATEGORY		Social and cultural	Strategic	Risk register LINKS	Change and reform Compliance and fraud Cyber security Disaster event	Health, safety and wellbeing Public health Resource and delivery Strategy and direction	
RISK LEAD		Leadership team		ACTION OFFICER	Leadership team		
POTENTIAL RISK TRIGGERS		<u>External</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">political EQ <u>Internal:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">inadequate or ineffective engagement, communication, governance<ul style="list-style-type: none">narrow, short term/misaligned strategic focusineffective or lack of collaboration/partnership with stakeholders/communitydysfunctional internal relationship between governance and staffdysfunctional organisational culture - job uncertainty/restructures/staff burnout/remote workinglack of awareness regarding Treaty obligations and iwi protocol					
PRE TREATMENT THRESHOLD		Consequence: Major			Likelihood: Likely		
		Very high					
CURRENT MITIGATIONS		<ul style="list-style-type: none">establish strong networks with other agencies and external stakeholders to share knowledge, learnings and culture<ul style="list-style-type: none">regular engagement with stakeholders at political and executive levelcollaborative governance group meetings to progress alignment of strategic direction – Mayoral forum, TAMI board sessions, Te Roopu Taiao meetings, CEG civil defence forums, neighbouring councils					



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • understanding Council's Treaty obligations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Iwi charter of understanding in place ○ identify and address gaps in organisational cultural and diversity awareness • enabling community boards to bring community voice back into Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ community board 'health check' completed – planning underway to action improvements • establish internal mentoring and knowledge sharing workshops by senior management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ monthly team leader forums established for knowledge sharing across the organisation 		
POST TREATMENT THRESHOLD	Consequence:	Major	Likelihood: Possible
	High		
PROPOSED MITIGATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • induction and training of management in terms of Treaty obligations • establish internal mentoring and knowledge sharing workshops by senior management • proactive steps taken at the start of each local government triennium to re-establish trust and relationships with community and stakeholders • relationship management between: CE/Mayor, LT/key staff, Mayor/elected members 		
COMPLETED MITIGATIONS			



Strategic risk		RESOURCE AND DELIVERY		
DESCRIPTION	Risk of non-performance/delivery of committed outcomes and meeting expectations			Status: Worsening
Risk management framework CATEGORY	Operational	Regulatory and compliance	Risk register LINKS	Reputation
RISK LEAD	Leadership team		ACTION OFFICER	Commercial infrastructure manager Project delivery manager
POTENTIAL RISK TRIGGERS	<u>External:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> market capacity inadequate response to macro factors affecting price and accessibility e.g. climate change, Covid alert level impacts, international political instability change in community/ stakeholder service level expectations <u>Internal:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ineffective clear advice to enable evidence-based quality decisions inadequate measures including accountability, capability, transparent and proactive self-monitoring complexity of organisational systems competing priorities resulting in deferred maintenance across portfolio siloed organisational culture inadequate or failed cooperation and collaboration with neighbouring councils difficulty attracting and maintaining skilled resources strategic objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> narrow strategic approach - not looking at 'big picture' unclear and incomplete understanding of objectives 			
PRE TREATMENT	Consequence:	Major	Likelihood:	Highly likely



THRESHOLD	Very high		
CURRENT MITIGATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • effective governance, strategies and plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ development of a well-informed capital works programme based on known condition and performance of assets ○ allocation of appropriate funding and resources to deliver the prioritised work plan ○ procurement optimisation ○ Three Waters works programme ○ internal and external audit ○ effective communication between teams and other agencies • recruiting and retaining skilled resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ monitoring organisational climate ○ work closely with industry providers and training institutions ○ workforce strategy ○ resource sharing ○ develop potential for secondments, internships and developing a cadet system • organisational culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ look after staff by building a culture that encourages staff to stay and to recruit into ○ outsourcing and using external mechanisms at key pressure points to mitigate stress 		
POST TREATMENT THRESHOLD	Consequence: Major	Likelihood: Unlikely	
	Medium		
PROPOSED MITIGATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prioritisation plan to consider the number and impact of work outside the formally signed off works programme 		
COMPLETED MITIGATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • procurement plan prepared for the entire 2021-22 year – completed and signed off by Council as part of LTP Sep 21 • project scoping document developed and signed off by community boards – completed through LTP process Sep 21 • project delivery team in place and adequately resourced - ongoing Sep 21 		



	• development of established minimum LoS for community facilities. Review was progressed through AMP update process with community board	Sep 21
	• works programme input into Global Forecast Programme and baseline tracking set up	Sep 21



Strategic risk STRATEGY AND DIRECTION			
DESCRIPTION	Risk of poor or ineffective decision-making due to lack of strategic integration and alignment		Status: Static
Risk management framework CATEGORY	Financial Strategic	Risk register LINKS	Change and reform
RISK LEAD	Chief executive	ACTION OFFICER	Leadership team
POTENTIAL RISK TRIGGERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • inadequate discussion of strategic direction • unclear and incomplete understanding of strategic objectives • near-sighted decision making • competing priorities • complex decision-making processes and requirements • ineffective clear advice to enable evidence-based quality decisions 		
PRE TREATMENT THRESHOLD	Consequence: Moderate	Likelihood: Likely	High
CURRENT MITIGATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • effective governance, strategies and plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ strategy development workplan currently being developed 		
POST TREATMENT THRESHOLD	Consequence: Moderate	Likelihood: Possible	Medium
PROPOSED MITIGATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • long term formal commitment to collaboration between Council and key agencies • deliver strategic vision to the community effectively 		
COMPLETED MITIGATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • none reported for the March 2022 quarter 		

**KEY:****CONSEQUENCE****LIKELIHOOD****THRESHOLD****STATUS**

INSIGNIFICANT	MINOR	MODERATE	MAJOR	CATASTROPHIC
RARE	UNLIKELY	POSSIBLE	LIKELY	HIGHLY LIKELY
	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	VERY HIGH
	IMPROVING	STATIC	WORSENING	



Risk management framework – risk matrices

CONSEQUENCE	INSIGNIFICANT	MINOR	MODERATE	MAJOR	CATASTROPHIC
STRATEGIC	No significant adverse public comment No impact on achievement of LTP objectives Key stakeholder relationships unaffected	Adverse comment in local or social media Letter to CEO, complaints to Councillors May slow achievement of LTP objectives Minor impact on key stakeholder relationships	National media coverage Will impact achievement of one or more LTP objectives Negative impact on key stakeholder relationships	National media coverage 2-3 days Will significantly impact the achievement of multiple LTP objectives Significant impact on multiple key stakeholder relationships	Coverage in national media 3+ days Commission of Inquiry/Parliamentary questions Stakeholder relations irreparably damaged Cannot deliver on most LTP objectives
OPERATIONAL	No loss of operational capability Minimal changes to service level Minimal loss of internal capacity	Loss of operational capability in some areas Some disruption to service levels Internal capacity lost for up to 1 week	Serious loss of operational capability for over 6 weeks and/or Disruption to service levels for 4-6 weeks Loss of internal capacity 1-3 weeks	Serious loss of operational of capability for over 8 weeks and major disruption to service levels and/or Loss of internal capacity 4-6 weeks	Serious loss of operational capability for 3-4 months and serious disruption to service levels and Loss of internal capacity for more than 6 weeks
FINANCIAL	No impact on financial targets	Up to 1% impact on financial targets	Up to 5% impact on financial targets	Up to 10% impact on financial targets	More than 10% impact on financial targets
HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING	No Medical treatment required Issue noted, no action required	Minimal personal injury and/or sickness AND Less than 2 weeks incapacitation H&S issue noted by Worksafe	Personal injury and/or sickness with up to 3mths incapacitation OR H&S issue to court	Significant public health impact OR Personal injury and/or sickness with 3+ months incapacitation or long term disability OR	Permanent severe disability or loss of life OR H&S issue taken to court resulting in imprisonment OR



CONSEQUENCE	INSIGNIFICANT	MINOR	MODERATE	MAJOR	CATASTROPHIC
				H&S issue to court and fine imposed	Widespread community sickness
SOCIAL, CULTURAL, ENVIRONMENTAL	No significant community Impact	Single community affected	Multiple communities affected	Many communities affected	Most or all communities OR
	Localised short-term reversible environmental, economic or social impact	Localised short-term reversible environmental, economic or social damage	Localised medium term (1 month +) reversible damage or disruption (environmental, economic, social or cultural)	Localised or widespread long term (3-6m) reversible damage or disruption (environmental, economic, social or cultural)	Extensive or irreversible damage or disruption (environmental, economic, social or cultural)
REGULATORY AND COMPLIANCE	Fine/ liability less than \$10K	Fine/ liability \$10 - \$100K	Fine/ liability \$100 - \$250K	Fine/ liability \$250K - \$1M	Fine/ liability \$1M+



LIKELIHOOD	
HIGHLY LIKELY	Risk event is expected to occur in most circumstances; or 90% chance within the next 12 months; or 18 out of every 20 years
LIKELY	Risk event will probably occur in most circumstances; or 55% chance within the next 12 months; or 11 out of every 20 years
POSSIBLE	Risk event should occur at some time; or 25% chance within the next 12 months; or 5 out of every 20 years
UNLIKELY	Risk event could occur at some time; or 10% chance within next 12 months; or 1 out of every 10 years
RARE	Risk event may occur only in exceptional circumstances Up to 4% chance within next 12 months Once in 25 years

LIKELIHOOD	CONSEQUENCE				
	Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
HIGHLY LIKELY	Low	Medium	High	Very High	Very High
LIKELY	Low	Medium	High	Very High	Very High
POSSIBLE	Low	Medium	Medium	High	Very High
UNLIKELY	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	High
RARE	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium

Southland District Council Submission – Draft New Zealand Guide To Temporary Traffic Management

Record no: R/22/4/13874

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☒ Decision

☐ Recommendation

☐ Information

Purpose

- 1 To request the delegated authority be given to the General Manager of Infrastructure and Environmental Services to finalise and submit on the “Draft New Zealand Guide to Temporary Traffic Management” on behalf of Council.

Executive summary

- 2 The Code of Practice for Temporary Traffic Management (COPTTM) is currently New Zealand’s best practice guide for temporary traffic management. It is the overarching code of practice that New Zealand Road Controlling Authorities use to set temporary traffic management standards for activities that are carry out work within the roading corridor.
- 3 After a spate of fatalities, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (Waka Kotahi) decided to undergo a reform of the Temporary Traffic Management (TTM) industry. As part of this, the existing code of practice was considered no longer fit for purpose and opted to develop a new guide.
- 4 The draft New Zealand Guide to Temporary Traffic Management was released by Waka Kotahi last month and is currently in the process of consultation and development. Consultation period finishes on 29 April, 2022.
- 5 Council’s submission, in general, supports the increased focus on a risk-based approach. However, the submission will raise concerns about other aspects of the draft guide. This includes:
 - Lack of pre-consultation with local authorities during the development of the draft guide.
 - The interpretation and working arrangement outlined in the guide that Local Authorities as a Road Controlling Authority (RCA) is a Person Conducting a Business or Undertaking (PCBU) for all activities, private and public, occurring within the road reserve.
 - Additionally, we will seek clarification under what legislation local authorities have veto rights and can stop a Traffic Management Plan from being approved, and how this translates to unapproved activities occurring on roads.
 - Concerns that traffic management compliance will become too burdensome for smaller contractors to achieve. This is due to the high level of understanding that will be required around traffic engineering design, and the lack of specific guidance provided in the guide.

Recommendation

That the Council:

- a) **receives the report titled “Southland District Council Submission – Draft New Zealand Guide To Temporary Traffic Management”.**
- b) determines that this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- c) determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with Section 79 of the act determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.
- d) agrees to give delegated authority to the General Manager of Infrastructure and Environment **tal Services to finalise and submit on the “Draft New Zealand Guide to Temporary Traffic Management” on behalf of Council.**

Background

- 6 After a spate of fatalities, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (Waka Kotahi) decided to undergo a reform of the Temporary Traffic Management (TTM) industry. As part of this, the existing Code of Practice for Temporary Traffic Management (COP TTM) was considered no longer fit for purpose and opted to develop a new guide
- 7 The initial draft of the new, New Zealand Guide to Temporary Traffic Management (NZG TTM) was released for public consultation on 8th March 2022 with submissions closing on 29 April, 2022.
- 8 Upon initially reviewing the draft document, staff have identified four main aspects that have the greatest potential to impact Council operations. Therefore, these main points will be included in the Council's submission. These are as follows:

Increased focus on a risk-based approach

- 9 The main driver of developing a new guide is an emphasis on a risk-based approach. This is where the focus is on reviewing the site-specific risks to determine the appropriate TTM design and setup. In principle risk has always been a consideration for temporary traffic management,

this specific emphasis on risk based approach is in contrasts with the current system. Particularly when assessing plans, where sites have been evaluated for compliance with the national code (COP TTM). As the risk-based approach allows for more critical thinking of risk and how to potentially manage risk, Council should be supportive of this type of approach.

Lack of pre-consultation with local authorities

- 10 Although local authorities make up 88% of the national roading network, Waka Kotahi, to date, has had limited engagement with local authorities when developing the draft NZGT TTM document. Waka Kotahi intention is clearly stated in the draft document, they intend to work with local authorities only after completing the guide. Due to this, the current guide is tailored more for higher volume roads/highways and tier one contractors.
- 11 We believe the focus of the current document does not adequately recognise the day to day activities that occur on road networks, particularly in rural New Zealand. This includes but is not limited to farming activities such as stock driving.

The interpretation of RCAs as a PCBU for all activities

- 12 The interpretation is that council as a Road Controlling Authority (RCA) is considered a Person Conducting a Business or Undertaking (PCBU) for all activities, private and public, occurring within the road reserve. Although this was always the understanding for Council engaged works, historically, this interpretation was considered ambiguous for private activities / works. This is due to the public's right of access to the roading corridor, including utilities operators along with the limited powers Council has to easily enforce transgressions.
- 13 Council should submit against this interpretation for private activities and works including seeking clarification under what legislation local authorities would act under to enforce or ban parties from using roads if this interpretation was implemented.

Concerns TTM will become too burdensome for smaller contractors

- 14 The guidelines have been written to be non-prescriptive; however, this does set out the expectations for developing risk assessments/traffic management plans. This sets high expectations but does not provide guidance to develop the risk assessments /traffic management plans or what Council are to review against i.e. what is benched marked as best practice. This also raises concerns that traffic management will become too burdensome for smaller contractors to achieve, resulting in increased non-compliance by those undertaking private work or activities.
- 15 This is due to the higher level of commitment and understanding that will be required to write these new risk assessments.

Issues

- 16 The initial draft NZGT TTM was released for public submissions on 8th March 2022 and will close on 29 April, 2022. This has given Staff limited time to read and absorb the document, understand potential impacts, and work through these with governance before formalising a response. Due to this staff have written to Waka Kotahi requesting the consultation period to be increased. Other than a generic response acknowledging the receipt of the email, no further response has been received.

- 17 Additionally, Waka Kotahi has had limited engagement with local authorities when developing the draft NZGTTM document. Waka Kotahi states in the draft document that they intend to work with local authorities only after completing the guide.
- 18 With the above factors, the draft document proposes changes that may significantly impact Council operations, but provides limited time to formulate a response. Due to this, this report seeks approval from Council to give delegated authority to the General Manager of Infrastructure and Environmental Services to finalise and submit on the “Draft New Zealand Guide to Temporary Traffic Management” on behalf of Council.

Factors to consider

Legal and statutory requirements

- 19 Once adopted the NZGTTM will be considered “best practice” For meeting our health and safety obligations under New Zealand Health and Safety at Work Act 2015. It is important that Council provides feedback to the proposed new guide given the implications on Council operations and the wider community.

Community views

- 20 Currently the public views are unknown, however concerns have been raised within the industry similar to the points raised above.

Costs and funding

- 21 Costs associated with drafting the submission relate to staff time only. However, there will be potential cost implications once the guide is finalised. These could include potential increase in project costs for council projects along with the need for dedicated compliance and enforcement across the district.

Policy implications

- 22 At this stage the overall full implications are unknown. An assessment will be made once the final version has been completed.

Analysis

Options considered

- 23 The Council has two options regarding making a submission. The first is to submit on the document based on Council's option. The second is to rely solely on other Councils and members of the public and their respective submissions.

Analysis of Options

Option 1 – Give delegated authority to the General Manager of Infrastructure and Environmental Services to submit on behalf of Council

<i>Advantages</i>	<i>Disadvantages</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Enables Southland District Council to highlight general concerns and be active within the guides development process.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">None

<ul style="list-style-type: none">Enables Southland District Council to highlight specific concerns that relate specifically to the Southland District	
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Option 2 – Not make a submission

<i>Advantages</i>	<i>Disadvantages</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">None	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Southland District Council specific concerns will not be heard.

Assessment of significance

- 24 The approval to give delegated authority to the General Manager of Infrastructure and Environmental Services to submit on behalf of Southland District Council is not considered significant in terms of Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002

Recommended option

- 25 Option 1 – Give delegated authority to the General Manager of Infrastructure and Environmental Services to submit on behalf of Council.

Next steps

- 26 Finalise the submission for the closing date 29th April 2022.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

Lochiel School grant application - school sports facility

Record no: R/22/3/11532

Author: Karen Purdue, Community partnership leader

Approved by: Fran Mikulicic, Group manager democracy and community

☒ Decision

☐ Recommendation

☐ Information

Purpose

- 1 This report is to consider a recommendation from the Oreti community board to approve an application from Lochiel School for \$5,000 towards the upgrade of the Lochiel School sports shed from the Winton Wallacetown ward reserve.

Executive summary

- 2 The quote for the project is \$ 104,544.
- 3 The committee needs to secure one third of the total cost of the project before other funders will accept applications for the balance.
- 4 Lochiel School has been in discussions with the Lottery Community Facilities Fund for \$78,000 and Community Trust South for \$7,800. Both organisations indicated they would look favourably on the applications provided the one third has been secured.
- 5 The \$5,000 being applied for would enable these applications to go ahead.
- 6 The shed is not a Ministry of Education asset.
- 7 The shed is currently also used by Central Pirates Rugby Club and the Winton Croquet Club.
- 8 The upgrade will bring the shed up to code. The shed is 10 metres x 20 metres. It needs to be reclad, have a fire alarm installed, new lighting and a new floor.
- 9 This facility may provide an alternative, close to town, for organisations affected by the Oreti Community Board proposal to divest itself of the Winton Drill Hall.
- 10 At the Oreti community Board meeting on 21 February 2022, the community board recommended to Council that a grant of \$5,000, from the Winton Wallacetown ward reserve be approved to Lochiel School, to enable the other funding applications to go forward and that the grant be conditional on all other funding being secured.
- 11 The Oreti Community Board does not have the delegation to approve expenditure from this reserve and wishes to recommend to Council that a grant of \$5,000 be approved for this project from the Winton Wallacetown ward reserve, conditional on all other funding being secured.
- 12 The Winton Wallacetown ward reserve has a balance of \$ 421,247, with a forecasted balance at 30 June 2022 of \$347,693.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) **receives the report titled “Lochiel School grant application - school sports facility”** dated 21 April 2022.
- b) determines that this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- c) determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with Section 79 of the act determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.
- d) approves a grant of \$5,000, from the Winton Wallacetown ward reserve to Lochiel School, to enable the other funding applications to go forward.
- e) approves the above grant conditional on all other funding being secured.

Background

- 13 An application was received in December 2021 from Lochiel School for funding towards upgrading the Lochiel School sports shed.
- 14 They asked the Oreti Community Board to consider a request for \$5,000 to complete the work required to bring the building up to code.
- 15 The committee cannot apply for other funding until one third of the total cost has been secured.
- 16 The shed is not a Ministry of Education asset.
- 17 The shed is currently also used by the community after school, specifically Central Pirates Rugby Club and the Winton Croquet Club.
- 18 The upgrade will bring the shed up to code. The shed is 10 metres x 20 metres. It needs to be reclad, have a fire alarm installed, new lighting and a new floor.
- 19 This facility may provide an alternative, close to town, for organisations affected by the Oreti Community Board proposal to divest itself of the Winton Drill Hall.
- 20 Oreti ward councillor, Darren Frazer suggested that the Winton Wallacetown ward reserve maybe an appropriate source of funding for this project so that other funding could be secured.
- 21 At the Oreti Community Board meeting on 21 February 2022, the community board recommended to Council that a grant of \$5,000, from the Winton Wallacetown ward reserve be approved to Lochiel School, to enable the other funding applications to go forward and that the grant be conditional on all other funding being secured.

22 The Oreti Community Board does not have the delegation to approve expenditure from this reserve and wishes to recommend to Council that a grant of \$5,000 be approved for this project from the Winton Wallacetown ward reserve, conditional on all other funding being secured.

23 The Winton Wallacetown ward reserve has a balance of \$ 421,247, with a forecasted balance at 30 June 2022 of \$347,693.

Issues

24 The cost of the project does not include any contingency amount. With the current environment of supply lead times and cost escalation this makes the total cost of the project difficult to predict.

Factors to consider

Legal and statutory requirements

25 There are no legal or statutory requirements to consider.

Community views

26 The Lochiel community are supportive of the application for funding to bring the sports shed up to code.

Costs and funding

27 The grant of \$5,000 is proposed to come from the Winton Wallacetown ward reserve.

Policy implications

28 There are no policy implications.

Analysis

Options considered

29 There are two options to consider.

30 Option 1: approve a grant of \$5,000 from the Winton Wallacetown ward reserve.

31 Option 2: not approve a grant of \$5,000 from the Winton Wallacetown ward reserve.

Analysis of options

Option 1 – approve a grant of \$5,000 from the Winton Wallacetown ward reserve

<i>Advantages</i>	<i>Disadvantages</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• bringing the sport shed up to code can be completed• benefits the community by enabling usage by existing and potential users• enables applications for funding to be lodged with other funders	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• there will be less funds available for other projects

Option 2 – not approve a grant of \$5,000 from the Winton Wallacetown ward reserve

<i>Advantages</i>	<i>Disadvantages</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• more funds available for other projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• bringing the sports shed up to code cannot be completed• the school and other users would have to find alternative storage facilities

Assessment of significance

- 32 This is not considered significant in terms of Southland District Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

Recommended option

- 33 The recommended option is option 1 - approve a grant of \$5,000 from the Winton Wallacetown ward reserve.

Next steps

- 34 Payment of \$5,000 will be made to Lochiel School upon receipt of confirmed funding for the total project.

Attachments

- A Costings - Lochiel School shed [↓](#)

Hi Darren

As per our previous phone calls, here is the information you need for the application of grants to upgrade the Lochiel School sports shed.

The Ministry of Education have said we can't use the sports shed until it is brought up to code. The shed size is 10 m x 20 m. It needs new cladding, fire alarm, lighting and floor. The shed is not Ministry of Education owned but was gifted to the BOT by the community.

The following shed costings are based on quotes obtained in October/November 2021:

Shed costings (excluding GST)

CS Roofing	To reroof & reclad walls	\$47,761.00
McNaught Engineering	Steel work	\$3,500.00
Coles Consulting	Engineers report	\$2,500.00
Alister Kyle	Door, fittings & align purlins	\$4,500.00
Multisports Surfaces	Tiger Turf advantage Turf	\$30,240.00
Tansley Electrical	Fire alarm and Trench installation	\$8,140.00
	Emergency & illuminated exit lighting	\$2,746.00
	General lighting installation	\$5,157.00
Total Costings		\$104,544.00

Funding:

- The Lottery Community Facilities Grant would give us 2/3 of the funding. We have to get the first third of the total cost of the sports shed before we can apply to this fund.
- The Aotearoa Gaming Trust has said to apply for \$25,000.
- The Community Trust South has said to apply for \$7,800 from the school playground grant.

Building costs are going up all the time. The community will have to come up with the increase in costs between applying and receiving the money. In Lottery's case it would be July, so building would commence in the second half of 2022.

If the SDC could come up with \$5,000, that would get us to 1/3 of the funding. I have to get new quotes in January before applying to Lottery and Aotearoa Gaming Trust.

To get funding from Lottery we must have community use for the shed. The Central Pirates Rugby Club and Winton Croquet would use the shed outside school hours. The Rugby

Club loses a lot of trainings because of the rain. The Croquet Club wants to coach new members in the winter, and play games from spring indoors because their grounds are too wet then. The shed would be available for the community at any time outside school hours.

If you have any further questions, let me know.

Ken

Dog Registration Fees for 2022/2023

Record No: R/22/3/11778

Author: Erin Keeble, Acting manager environmental health/team leader monitoring and enforcement

Approved by: Matt Russell, Group manager infrastructure and environmental services

☒ Decision

☐ Recommendation

☐ Information

Purpose

- 1 The purpose of the report is to set the dog control fees for the 2022/2023 year.

Executive Summary

- 2 Council's dog control fees must be prescribed by resolution of Council.
- 3 It is proposed to increase the working dog fee from \$40 to \$41, and the non-working dog fee from \$100 to \$113.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) **Receives the report titled “Dog Registration Fees for 2022/2023” dated 20 April 2022.**
- b) Determines that this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- c) Determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with Section 79 of the Act determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.
- d) Agrees to set the dog control fees (effective 1 July 2022 and inclusive of GST) for the 2022/2023 registration year as follows:

REGISTRATION - DOG (NON-WORKING)	\$113.00
DISCOUNTS	
(a) the dog is spayed or neutered	-\$10.00
(b) the dog is in a fenced or controlled property	-\$20.00
(c) responsible owner (according to Council’s criteria) and microchipped dog	-\$30.00
REGISTRATION FEE (NON-WORKING) INCLUSIVE OF (A), (B) AND (C) DISCOUNTS	\$53.00
REGISTRATION - WORKING DOG	\$41.00
LATE REGISTRATION - ALL DOGS	+50%
A dog impounded by SDC released to SDC authorised rehoming provider for either fostering or rehoming (initial registration only)	Free
A dog received by SDC authorised rehoming provider for the purpose of rehoming, that is either from Southland District, or to be rehomed in Southland District (initial registration only)	Free
DOG CONTROL FEES	
(a) dog hearing lodgement fee	\$100.00
(b) multiple dog licence application fee	\$50.00
(c) sale of collars	\$10.00
(d) sale of leads	\$12.00
(e) withdrawal of infringement fee, per infringement	\$30.00
MICROCHIPPING	
(a) microchipping of a dog registered by SDC	Free
(b) commercial breeders that require more than four pups to be microchipped per registration year	\$30.00 per dog for the fifth and

		subsequent dog
	DOG IMPOUNDING FEES	
(a)	impounding of dogs	\$150.00
(b)	sustenance of impounded dog per day or part thereof	\$25.00
(c)	euthanasia	Actual cost
e)	Agrees to publicly notify the fees during the weeks starting 30 May 2022 and 27 June 2022.	

Background

- 4 The Dog Control Act 1996 requires territorial authorities to set dog control fees. Council currently has almost 12,000 registered dogs within its district.
- 5 The dog control service operates a register of dogs, investigates complaints about dogs, monitors the district, and promotes responsible dog ownership.
- 6 The dog control business unit is staffed by a manager, two full-time and one part-time dog control officer, and an environmental services co-ordinator. Support services are provided by a contractor (Armourguard). Council has a combined dog pound with Invercargill City Council. Council has a licence to occupy the pound with an exclusive licence to use five of the 28 kennels.
- 7 The dog control business unit retains its budget reserve, as required by the Dog Control Act.

Issues

Increase in fees

- 8 The table below shows the projected reserve balances for the animal control budget, the years representing the 30th of June that year:

2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
(\$64K)	\$0	\$15K	\$66K	\$87K	\$108K	\$135K	\$168K	\$204K	\$240K	\$278K	\$319K

- 9 These figures incorporate the recommended fee increases in this report, and also annual increases of about 2.6% (projected inflation).
- 10 The loan of \$178,915 drawn down at 30th June 2021 has corrected the overdrawn reserve position.
- 11 **Attachment A** sets out the dog control fees that are proposed to be effective from 1 July 2022.
- 12 **Attachment B** provides a financial breakdown and commentary, advising of the main reasons why the animal control business unit is in this situation.
- 13 A breakdown of income from the proposed fees is as follows:

	No. of dogs	Discount	Fees	Income
		Incl. GST	Incl. GST	Incl. GST
Working	5,430	N/A	41	222,630
Non-working dogs				
P - No Discounts	45	0	113	5,085
P1 - Neutered	0	10	103	0
P2 - Fenced/controlled	469	20	93	43,617
P3 - Responsible (microchipped)	40	30	83	3,320
P12 - Neutered and Fenced/controlled	114	30	83	9,462
P13 - Neutered and Responsible (microchipped)	14	40	73	1,022
P23 - Fenced/controlled and Responsible (microchipped)	2,792	50	63	175,896
P123 - Neutered and Fenced/controlled and Responsible (microchipped)	2,981	60	53	157,993
Base fee			53	
Late fees (estimated)				11,500
TOTAL	11,885			630,525

Comparisons with other councils

- 14 A comparison of fees and rates funding of dog control with other Southern councils is in **Attachment C**.
- 15 The comparisons show that the proposed fees compare favourably with other councils locally, particularly in light of the comparatively low ratepayer funding of the service.

Potential upcoming efficiencies and increases in income

- 16 Potential upcoming efficiencies and increases in income are discussed in Attachment D.

Factors to Consider

Legal and Statutory Requirements

- 17 Section 37 of the Dog Control Act 1996, is concerned with fee setting, and is attached to this report in **Attachment E**.
- 18 Council is legally required to set the fees by resolution and to subsequently publicly notify these fees.

Community Views

- 19 The views of the community are not required to be sought, either under the Dog Control Act 1996, or in accordance with Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
- 20 Council will note that its proposed 2022/2023 fees and charges schedule, that includes the proposed dog registration fees in this report, are in Council's LTP consultation document. Even so, Section 37 of the Dog Control Act 1996 enables Council to make the recommended resolutions in this report.

Costs and Funding

- 21 The dog control service is funded mainly from registration fees, and also from infringements, and fees and charges. Council has resolved that dog control is to be fully funded by fees and charges.

Policy Implications

- 22 This report is consistent with Council's Policy on Dogs 2015, in particular clauses 5.2 and 5.3.

Analysis of Options

Option 1 – Do not increase fees – status quo.

<i>Advantages</i>	<i>Disadvantages</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">dog owners would appreciate the status quo	<ul style="list-style-type: none">would result in an increasing overdrawn reserveCouncil would need to increase the rates contribution to repay the overdrawn reserve

Option 2 – That Council sets the dog control fees in Attachment A for the 2022/2023 registration year.

<i>Advantages</i>	<i>Disadvantages</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">enables full cost recovery and repayment of the negative reservereflects Council's intention that this business unit is self-funding through fees generated	<ul style="list-style-type: none">some negative feedback from district dog owners

Assessment of Significance

- 23 This matter is considered to be of low significance in accordance with Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

Recommended Option

- 24 Option 2, so that Council's dog control activity can continue to be sufficiently funded by dog registration fees.

Next Steps

- 25 Council's decision will be publicly notified and also on Council's website. The fees will come into effect on 1 July 2022.

Attachments

- A Dog Control Registration Fee Schedule 2022/2023 [↓](#)
B Financial Breakdown [↓](#)
C Comparison with other councils [↓](#)
D Potential efficiencies [↓](#)
E Section 37 Dog Control Act 1996 [↓](#)

Dog control fee schedule – effective 1 July 2022

All fees GST inclusive

REGISTRATION - DOG (NON-WORKING)	\$113.00
DISCOUNTS	
(A) THE DOG IS SPAYED OR NEUTERED	-\$10.00
(B) THE DOG IS IN A FENCED OR CONTROLLED PROPERTY	-\$20.00
(C) RESPONSIBLE OWNER (ACCORDING TO COUNCIL'S CRITERIA) AND MICROCHIPPED DOG	-\$30.00
REGISTRATION FEE (NON-WORKING) INCLUSIVE OF (A), (B) AND (C)	\$53.00
DISCOUNTS	
REGISTRATION - WORKING DOG	\$41.00
LATE REGISTRATION - ALL DOGS	+50%
A DOG IMPOUNDED BY SDC RELEASED TO SDC AUTHORISED REHOMING PROVIDER FOR EITHER FOSTERING OR REHOMING (INITIAL REGISTRATION ONLY)	Free
A DOG RECEIVED BY SDC AUTHORISED REHOMING PROVIDER FOR THE PURPOSE OF REHOMING, THAT IS EITHER FROM SOUTHLAND DISTRICT, OR TO BE REHOMED IN SOUTHLAND DISTRICT (INITIAL REGISTRATION ONLY)	Free
DOG CONTROL FEES	
(A) DOG HEARING LODGEMENT FEE	\$100.00
(B) MULTIPLE DOG LICENCE APPLICATION FEE	\$50.00
(C) SALE OF COLLARS	\$10.00
(D) LEADS	\$12.00
(E) WITHDRAWAL OF INFRINGEMENT FEE, PER INFRINGEMENT	\$30.00
MICROCHIPPING	
(A) MICROCHIPPING OF A DOG REGISTERED BY SDC	Free
(B) COMMERCIAL BREEDERS THAT REQUIRE MORE THAN FOUR PUPS TO BE MICROCHIPPED PER REGISTRATION YEAR	\$30.00 per dog for the fifth and subsequent dog
DOG IMPOUNDING FEES	
(A) IMPOUNDING OF DOGS	\$150.00
(B) SUSTENANCE OF IMPOUNDED DOG PER DAY OR PART THEREOF	\$25.00
(C) EUTHANASIA	Actual cost

Financial breakdown

Budgets and commentary

Budgets – actuals and budgets

The table below summarises the animal control budgets over a four-year period.

	Actuals <u>Jun-20</u>	Actuals <u>Jun-21</u>	LTP Yr 1 <u>Jun-22</u>	Annual Plan <u>Jun-23</u>
Dog and Animal Control				
<u>Income</u>				
Rates	0	0		
User Charges and Fees	436,888	510,513	603,082	627,035
Internal Income	104,835	96,790	146,132	151,054
	541,723	607,303	749,214	778,089
<u>Direct Expenditure</u>				
Advertising	-	-		-
Communications	4,372	5,631	3,400	3,499
Conferences and courses	580	2,566	4,133	4,232
Insurance	2,425	1,638	1,676	1,996
Contractors	61,552	23,563	35,000	36,015
Other Expenditure	45,225	47,270	48,964	51,669
Postage and Stationery	6,116	12,917	7,600	7,821
Professional Services	6,932	2,530	6,000	6,174
Staff Costs	231,779	260,793	359,852	368,632
Supplies and Materials	6,222	1,555	1,000	1,029
Travel and Accommodation	1,517	1,996	500	512
Vehicle Expenses	29,763	29,495	33,349	34,316
	396,483	389,954	501,474	515,895
<u>Indirect Expenditure</u>				
Depreciation (Funded)	21,600	23,125	23,835	23,835
Internal Expenses	196,135	310,096	209,062	131,949
	217,735	333,221	232,897	155,784
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(72,495)	(115,872)	14,843	106,410
<u>Capital Expenditure</u>				
	0	49,343	0	74,000
<u>Funded by</u>				
Funding adjustments	11,036	(50,163)		(55,051)
Term Loan		(178,915)		
Loan Repayments				36,277
District Operations Reserve	0	0		
Dog and Animal Control Reserve	(83,531)	63,863	14,843	51,184
	0	0	0	0
<u>Dog & Animal Control Reserve</u>				
Opening Balance	19,668	(63,863)	0	14,843
Plus Transfer to/(from) reserve	(83,531)	63,863	14,843	51,184
Closing Balance	(63,863)	0	14,843	66,027

Commentary

Here is some commentary around the more significant changes in the budgets.

June 21

1. The internal charge relating to customer services increased by \$115K. Customer services undertook analytics of the time spent at dog registration time and determined that 2.5 FTE of staff time was required during the three-month period, and an increase in funding was approved. Direct expenses are in line with the previous year.
2. In order to correct the negative balance in the reserve a loan was drawn down at year end.

June 22

Budget changes in the Long Term Plan:

1. Dog registration income increasing due to the recommended increase in registration fees.
2. Internal income increased due to a new internal charge. This relates to the part-funding of the new Te Anau based animal control officer from the environmental health business unit.
3. Total expenditure is in line with the previous year with movement between direct and indirect expenditure due to the funding of a new fulltime Te Anau based animal control officer. The officer started in December 2020, which is offset by the reduction in the internal charge for customer services to 1.0 FTE, and transferring the costs of the 0.5 FTE dog control coordinator role from customer services to dog control.
4. The budget shows a small surplus of \$15K to transfer to the reserve.

June 23

Changes in the 2022/23 annual plan compared to 2021/22:

1. Dog registration income increasing because of the recommended increases in registration fees as part of the Long Term Plan process.
2. Reduction in costs due to implementing tag for life – reduction in costs to Council for the tag and postage costs (one tag only and small number of replacements) and reduction in internal staff costs regarding time spent issuing new tags every year, resulting in less waste.
3. The efficiencies gained in process changes has reduced internal support costs and resulted in a projected increase in the reserve of \$51K.

Comparison with other councils

Fees and rates funding

Rates funding comparison

In February 2021, a recent series of posts on the NZ Institute of Animal Control Officers email forum advised of the following rates funding percentages of their dog control budgets:

- Dunedin – 30% rates
- Whakatāne – 30%
- Waikato – 47%
- Hamilton – 35%
- Tauranga – 10%.

Fees comparison

The table over page has SDC's proposed 2022/2023 fees compared with the 2021/2022 fees of other councils (simplified).

COUNCIL	WORKING					NON WORKING
		Standard fee before discounts	Discounts			Fully discounted fee
			<i>Neutering</i>	<i>Good history</i>	<i>Fencing</i>	
SOUTHLAND (PROPOSED)	\$41	\$113	- \$10	-\$30	-\$20	\$53
INVERCARGILL	\$35	\$100	- \$15	-\$35		\$50 (the lowest potential fee)
GORE	\$25 + \$20 for poor history	\$120	- \$40	-\$20		\$60
CLUTHA	\$40	\$50 (rural non- working)				
		\$40 (rural working)				
		\$70 urban (working and non-working)				
		\$50 responsible				\$50
CENTRAL OTAGO	\$12	\$55				\$55
DUNEDIN	\$53 \$28 (2 nd and subsequent)	\$109	- \$10	- \$48		\$51
QUEENSTOWN	\$80 -\$20 fencing -\$20 good history	\$165	-\$40	-\$30	-\$30	\$65 (the lowest potential fee)

Potential efficiencies and increases in income

This attachment discusses some potential upcoming efficiencies and increases in income for the animal control business unit.

One-tag-for-life

In 2021 the Hutt City Council dog control team started issuing one-tag-for-life in partnership with Wellington City and Selwyn District Councils. All existing registered dogs with those councils, and new dogs, received a new aluminium tag last year, that will last for the life of the dog. This year dog owners will receive a re-registration invoice but will keep the same tag.

If investigations of Councils who already have one-tag-for-life show the implementation to be successful, the intention is for a tag-for-life to be put in place across Southland (Gore District Council, Invercargill City Council and Southland District Council) in 2022/2023 or 2023/2024.

Re-issuing of tags every year significantly adds to the cost of dog registration (postal charges and staff time in processing) and creates waste.

SDC login

Again this year Council will be encouraging dog owners to create a login to Council's website (to become "registered users"). This will make their dog registration process easier.

The greater the proportion of dog owners who register online, the more efficient the registration process is.

Working dogs

A number of dogs that have been registered as working dogs may not be working dogs. A staff project is to review these dogs and ensure that they are correctly registered. An increase in the proportion of non-working dogs will increase income from fees.

Unregistered dogs

Part of dog control monitoring is the identification of unregistered dogs. The more dogs that are found and registered, the greater the income from dog registration fees (and infringement fees).

Section 37 Dog Control Act 1996**Territorial authority to set fees**

- (1) The dog control fees payable to a territorial authority shall be those reasonable fees prescribed by resolution of that authority for the registration and control of dogs under this Act.
- (2) Any resolution made under subsection (1) may—
 - (a) fix fees for neutered dogs that are lower than the fee for dogs that have not been neutered:
 - (b) fix fees for working dogs that are lower than the fee for any other dog, and may limit the number of working dogs owned by any person which qualify for lower fees under this section:
 - (c) fix different fees for the various classes of working dogs:
 - (d) fix fees for dogs under a specified age (not exceeding 12 months) that are lower than the fee that would otherwise be payable for those dogs:
 - (e) fix, for any dog that is registered by any person who demonstrates to the satisfaction of any dog control officer that that person has a specified level of competency in terms of responsible dog ownership, a fee that is lower than the fee that would otherwise be payable for that dog:
 - (f) fix by way of penalty, subject to subsection (3), an additional fee, for the registration on or after the first day of the second month of the registration year or such later date as the authority may fix, of any dog that was required to be registered on the first day of that registration year:
 - (g) fix a fee for the issue of a replacement registration label or disc for any dog.
- (3) Any additional fee by way of penalty fixed under subsection (2) (f) shall not exceed 50% of the fee that would have been payable if the dog had been registered on the first day of the registration year.
- (4) In prescribing fees under this section, the territorial authority shall have regard to the relative costs of the registration and control of dogs in the various categories described in paragraphs (a) to (e) of subsection (2), and such other matters as the territorial authority considers relevant.
- (5) Where any 2 or more territorial authorities have formed a joint standing or joint special committee in accordance with section 7, the resolution of that committee under subsection (1) may fix different fees in respect of dogs kept in the different districts, having regard to the costs of registration and dog control in the districts concerned.
- (6) The territorial authority shall, at least once during the month preceding the start of every registration year, publicly notify in a newspaper circulating in its district the dog control fees fixed for the registration year.
- (7) Failure by the territorial authority to give the public notice required by subsection (6), or the occurrence of any error or misdescription in such public notice, shall not affect the liability of any person to comply with this Act or to pay any fee that is prescribed by the territorial authority under subsection (1).
- (8) No increase in the dog control fees for any year shall come into effect other than at the commencement of that year.

Financial Report for the period ended 28 February 2022

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☐ Decision ☐ Recommendation ☒ Information

Summary

1. The purpose of this report is to provide the Council with an overview of the financial results for the eight months to 28 February 2022 by the seven activity groups of Council, as well as the financial position, and the statement of cash flows as at 28 February 2022.
2. This report summarises Council's financial results for the eight months to 28 February 2022.

Recommendation

That the Council:

- a) **receives the report titled "Financial Report for the period ended 28 February 2022"** dated 21 April 2022.

Attachments

A Financial Report - February 2022 [↓](#)



Financial report

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Executive summary

This report summarises Council's financial results for the eight month period to 28 February 2022.

The report summary consolidates the business units within each of Council's groups of activities and includes:

- year to date (YTD) actuals, which are the actual costs incurred
- year to date (YTD) projection, which is based on the full year projection (currently year one of the Long Term Plan (LTP)) with adjustments for phasing of budgets, carry forwards and approved unbudgeted expenditure reports
- year to date (YTD) budget, which is based on the full year LTP budget for year one with adjustments for phasing of budgets
- full year (FY) budget, which is the LTP year one budget figures
- full year (FY) projection, which is the LTP year one budget figures plus carry forwards and approved unbudgeted expenditure reports.

The activities reported include the seven activities in the LTP, along with corporate services. Corporate services (previously part of District Leadership) includes all the customer and corporate support (like people and capability, communications, strategy and policy, finance, information management) and forestry. These costs are spread across all the activities but they have also been separated out for the purposes of this report.

Phasing of budgets occurred in August, and will occur at forecasting and when one-off costs have actually been incurred. This should reduce the number of variance explanations due to timing.

Where phasing of budgets has not occurred, one twelfth of the annual budgeted cost is used to calculate the monthly budget.

Carry forwards approved by Council in September 2021 have been included in the projection column. A single round of forecasting will occur in March 2022.

Southland District Council summary reports use a materiality threshold to measure, monitor and report on the financial performance and position of Council. In determining materiality, variances more or less than 10% of the original budget and greater than \$10,000 are considered material and explained in the report.

Report contents:

- A. Council summary (income, expenditure, capital expenditure and associated commentary)
- B. Council summary by Activity Group
- C. Statement of comprehensive income
- D. Statement of financial position and movement commentary
- E. Statement of cash flows.

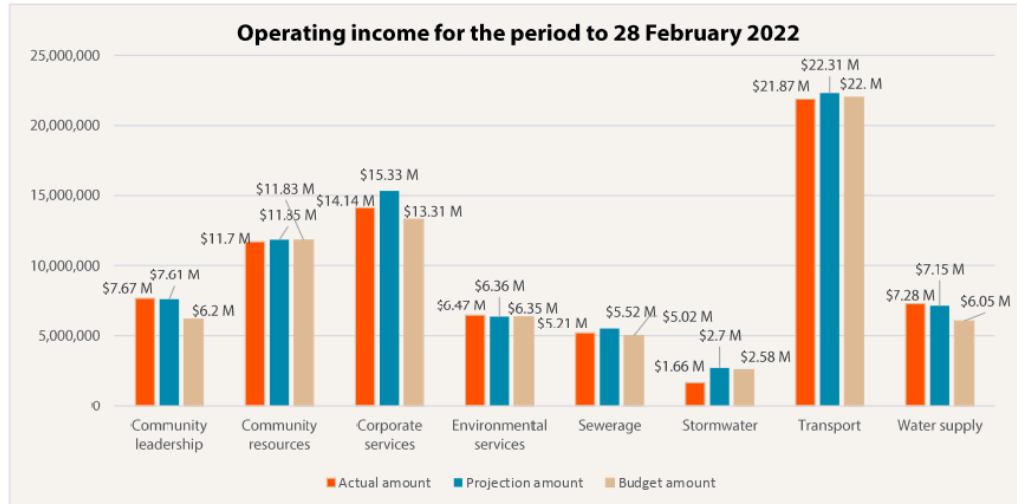
Abbreviation explanation

Abbreviation	Description
AP	Annual Plan
CAPEX	Capital expenditure
FYB	Full year budget
GDC	Gore District Council
GIS	Geographic information system
GMSE	GeoMedia smart client
GST	Goods and Services tax
ICC	Invercargill City Council
LED	Light emitting diode
LGFA	Local Government Funding Agency
LT	Leadership team
LTP	Long Term Plan
ME	Month end
NZTA	Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency
NZDWS	New Zealand Drinking Water Standards
SDC	Southland District Council
SIESA	Stewart Island Electrical Supply Authority
YE	Year end
YTD	Year to date
YTD Variance	Comparison of actual results compared to YTD budget
\$M	Millions of dollars

Council summary

Income

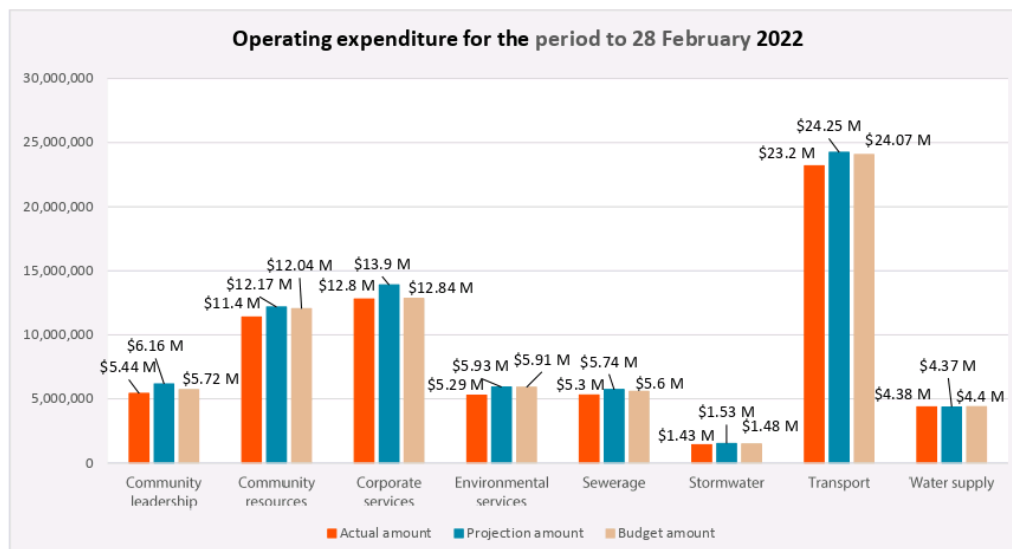
Operating income for the eight-month period to 28 February 2022 is \$2.8 million (4%) below projection for the period to date (\$76.0 million actual vs \$78.8 million projection). The key reasons for the variances in each activity area are discussed below.



- corporate services** income is \$1,192,977 (8%) lower than projection largely due to investment income being \$1,392,072 lower than budget. Council is in the process of changing its approach to investment and borrowing that is expected to achieve an increase in investment income; however, this new approach has not yet commenced, thus actual investment income is lower than budgeted. This reduction in income will be partially offset by a reduction in borrowing costs and the associated unbudgeted interest income on internal loans. Council staff and its advisors are now working to recommend to Council potential fund managers. Council staff will provide an update on the impact of this in the March financial report.
- stormwater** income is \$1,042,776 (39%) lower than projection. Although Council has received the stimulus grant funds, it is not being recognised as income until the costs are incurred, see the capital expenditure discussion below for further details. The recognition of this income was phased at the start of the financial year to match the expected timing of stimulus project costs. The projects are still on track to be completed by June 2022 and the income will continue to be released as the work is completed.

Expenditure

Operating expenditure for the eight-month period to 28 February 2022 is \$4.8 million (4%) below projection for the period to date (\$69.2 million actual vs \$74.0million projection). The key reasons for the variances in each activity area are discussed below.



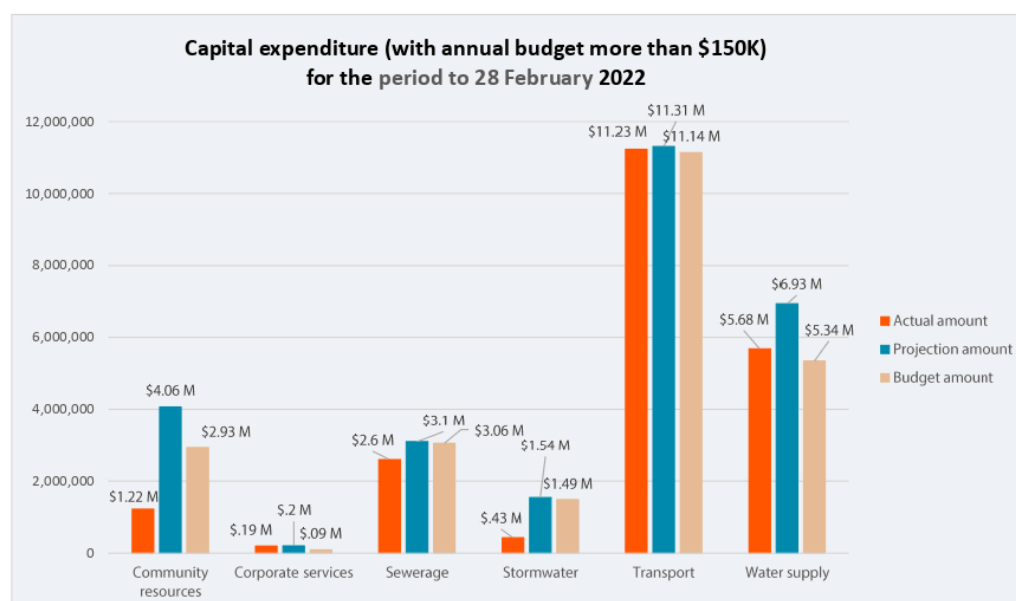
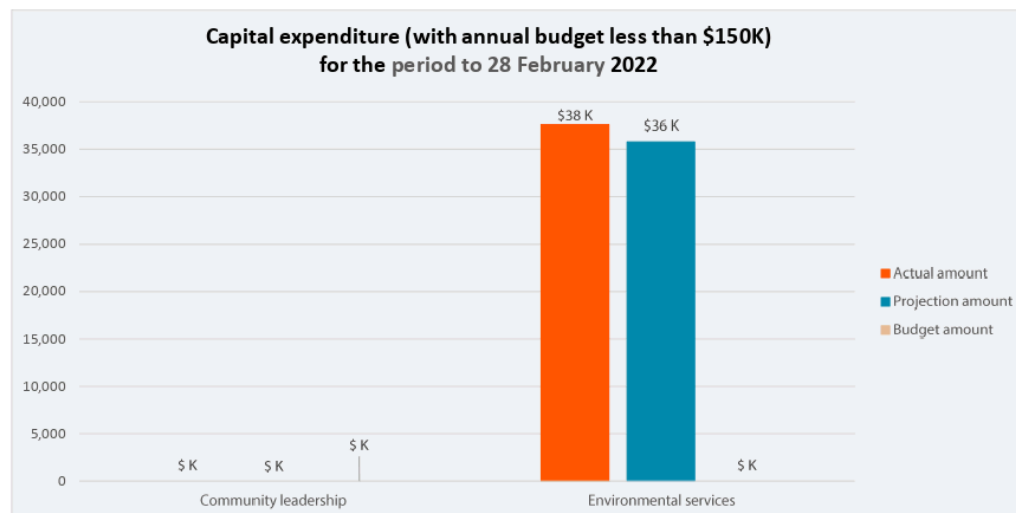
- **community leadership** operating expenditure is \$725,224 (12%) less than projected, predominantly due to staff vacancies. Additionally, Councillor's travel and mileage costs, conference costs and catering are lower than projection due to less travel and face to face meetings as a result of Covid-19 restrictions.
- **community resources** operating expenditure is \$771,979 (6%) lower than projection. The main variances include:
 - streetscapes costs are \$245,830 (24%) under projection. This is a decrease of 7% from the previous month. The majority of this is a combination of reduced costs coming through for gardening, mowing and street litter bins. This is partially due to the Falcon22 timing of some invoices as well as reduced costs compared to budget. The costs associated with the gardening and mowing have been checked against the budget and where anomalies have been found they have been adjusted through the recent forecasting process (results of which will be included in the March financial report) as well as the 2022/2023 annual plan. Tree and hedge maintenance are behind schedule, however this is expected to increase as we move into autumn.
 - parks and reserves costs are \$182,523 (15%) less than projected. There are a number of maintenance projects that have yet to be completed, contributing to the under spend. The current buoyant market is impacting Council's ability to engage contractors to undertake smaller maintenance projects.
 - office and building expenditure are \$136,361 (6%) lower than projection. The majority of which, relates to an underspend of \$90,033 for internal allocations as a result of Covid-19 restrictions, lack of contractors and shortage of materials. This issue is being closely monitored.

- other property costs are \$122,855 (51%) under projection primarily due to unspent Luxmore subdivision costs. The Fiordland Community Board are seeking expressions of interest on the sale of land and the associated costs are expected as this process continues.
- hall costs are \$94,073 (20%) lower than projection. Of the total underspend, \$40,809 relates to council owned halls, with the remainder non-Council owned halls. The underspend is due to minimal reactive maintenance, electricity and operating costs. The fly and spider control, spouting cleaning and annual wash downs are scheduled in the last quarter of the financial year. Staff are working with the non-council hall committees to ensure the grants are uplifted quarterly.
- **corporate services** operating expenditure is \$1,095,546 (8%) below projection. The main variances include:
 - investment operating costs which are \$918,813 lower than projected. As detailed in the income section of this report, the new borrowing and investment strategy is still in progress, resulting in a lower level of external borrowings, directly impacting external interest costs.
 - information management operating costs are \$160,476 under projection and primarily reflects the phasing of software license renewals, reduction in printing costs and timing of consultancy services. Costs are expected to be under at year end.
- **environmental services** operating expenditure is \$640,925 (11%) below projection. The main variance relates to resource management costs which are \$440,710 (17%) less than anticipated. Staff costs are (\$311,609) lower due to vacancies. Recruitment processes have been delayed due to the legislative changes around ecology/biodiversity not being passed, as well as Covid-19 and immigration challenges. The remaining variance is related to the share of environment and community leadership costs being lower than expected (\$171,021) as a result of staffing and structure changes.
- **sewerage** operating expenditure is \$434,124 (8%) less than projected. Condition assessment work undertaken (part of the stimulus package) is \$320,000 below projection, which is a timing difference. Planned maintenance is \$133,000 underspent due to the timing of the sludge removal project in Te Anau. This project has not been phased, and with some expenses starting to come through in December, this underspend is a timing difference. Routine maintenance is also \$164,000 lower than budget as there has been cost savings as a result of the timing of Te Anau Wastewater (TAWW) project going live. Both these have been offset by an increase in unplanned reactive maintenance work of \$221,000. The maintenance costs have been reviewed as part of the forecasting process and necessary adjustments made.
- **transport** operating expenditure is \$1,046,076 (4%) below projection. The main variances include:
 - Roothing – district wide is \$424,000 under budget. \$81,000 relates to footpath maintenance as the program is still in development subsequent to the changes from Waka Kotahi and prioritisation conversations needed with the Community Boards. There are several other areas which are either slightly ahead or slightly behind projected budget, the main being emergency reinstatement (\$108,000 behind) and sealed pavement maintenance (\$240,000 behind) due to the timing of the work program.
 - roading administration costs are \$280,00 under projection. Recovery of wage costs are higher than anticipated, resulting in a cost reduction of \$250,000. This recovery is expected to continue and has been adjusted through the forecasting process.
 - no expenditure has occurred on special purpose roading for the year to date and therefore costs are \$113,000 (100%) lower than projection. This is not unexpected as the actual cost in any year

depends on the needs. This relates to the nature and timing of work and invoicing from Waka Kotahi (Milford alliance). Any costs incurred are recovered in full from Waka Kotahi.

Capital expenditure (CAPEX)

Capital expenditure for the eight-month period to 28 February is \$5.8 million (21%) lower than projection (\$21.4 million actual vs \$27.2 million projection). The key reasons for the variances in each activity area are discussed below.



- **community resources** capital costs are \$2,841,525 (70%) lower than projection. The main variances include:
 - toilets are \$1,800,028 (93%) lower than projection. The toilet capital projects are now starting to be delivered and have been scheduled to be completed by the end of June, however this may be impacted by Covid-19. The refurbishment projects at the Waikawa, Edendale and Curio Bay toilets have started and are well on the way to completion. The Colac Bay toilet has now been installed.
 - offices and buildings are \$468,615 (39%) under projection. This variance primarily relates to the Te Anau library upgrade project, which has not yet started (\$332,938). Originally this project was to combine the office and library. This project has been rescoped and the budget reduced through forecasting. Staff have received quotes for this project and will be engaging contractors within the next month. Work is not expected to start until the Radio-frequency identification (RFID) library project has finished, which is scheduled for April 2022.
 - parks and reserves are \$361,400 (76%) under projection. Tenders for the capital works have been received and contracts awarded. Staff have had on-site visits with the contractors and work has begun on these projects with the aim to having them all completed by the end of June 2022. The market is dictating the ability to deliver, however staff are expecting to have this work completed by the end of June.
 - SIESA is \$126,942 (100%) under projection due to no capital expenditure over the generation and distribution network occurring to date. This expenditure is expected to be occur before 30 June 2022.
- **sewerage** capital costs are \$502,834 (16%) below projection. The delivery of the Te Anau wastewater project (TAWW) is \$740,000 ahead of the phased budget, however the Caswell Road project in Te Anau is \$725,000 behind the phased budget. These variances are all considered to be timing differences. As the TAWW plant is entering the final defect period, the balance of the project costs have been phased to June. On completion of the defect period, the surplus budget will be known. The Caswell Road project is a stimulus project and the deadline for delivery is June 2022, this project is on track to meet the deadline. The Stewart Island stimulus project is \$262,000 behind the phased budget, this project is due to start in March 2022.
- **stormwater** capital costs are \$1,116,228 (72%) less than projection. The capital programme currently being delivered is related to the stimulus work, with projects incurring costs slightly behind the phased budget. The commencement date for the Woodlands project has been deferred to line up with April school holidays to minimise disruption and is expected to be completed before the end of June. The Edendale/Wyndham project is behind the phased budget, however this work has now commenced. All of the stimulus projects are on track to be completed by 30 June 2022.
- **water supply** capital costs are \$1,252,659 (18%) under projection, largely as a result of the phasing of projects. The projects in Te Anau are behind budget by \$980,000 with the Lakefront Drive project final costs expected in March, Caswell Road watermain project has only recently commenced so the variance to budget is timing. Eastern Bush project is \$155,000 behind budget to date, the timing of this project is being reviewed as part of forecasting, with this being reflected in the March report.

Council summary by Activity Group

Southland District Council financial summary
for the period to 28 February 2022

Operating income									
Activity	YTD					FYB			
	Actual amount	Projection amount	Budget amount	Variance	Var %	Projection amount	Budget amount	Variance	Var %
Community leadership	7,666,431	7,612,711	6,196,081	53,719	1%	10,974,351	9,557,721	(1,416,630)	(13%)
Community resources	11,704,800	11,846,321	11,826,425	(141,521)	(1%)	19,656,496	18,192,965	(1,463,531)	(7%)
Corporate services	14,136,268	15,329,245	13,312,558	(1,192,977)	(8%)	21,510,194	19,474,114	(2,036,080)	(9%)
Environmental services	6,471,826	6,358,356	6,351,391	113,470	2%	9,387,248	9,335,696	(51,552)	(1%)
Sewerage	5,207,837	5,515,864	5,018,718	(308,027)	(6%)	8,288,820	7,210,702	(1,078,118)	(13%)
Stormwater	1,660,708	2,703,483	2,581,649	(1,042,776)	(39%)	3,388,631	3,254,744	(133,887)	(4%)
Transport	21,666,811	22,308,741	22,001,448	(441,930)	(2%)	35,281,636	34,129,768	(1,151,868)	(3%)
Water supply	7,281,099	7,147,242	6,051,833	133,857	2%	9,192,741	8,045,929	(1,146,812)	(12%)
Total	\$75,995,780	\$78,821,965	\$73,340,104	(2,826,185)	(4%)	\$117,680,117	\$109,201,639	(8,478,478)	(7%)
Operating expenditure									
Activity	YTD					FYB			
	Actual amount	Projection amount	Budget amount	Variance	Var %	Projection amount	Budget amount	Variance	Var %
Community leadership	5,438,088	6,163,311	5,723,076	(725,224)	(12%)	11,159,054	9,373,552	(1,785,502)	(16%)
Community resources	11,395,047	12,167,026	12,039,741	(771,979)	(6%)	19,942,977	19,551,548	(391,429)	(2%)
Corporate services	12,800,224	13,895,770	12,840,226	(1,095,546)	(8%)	20,387,876	19,234,329	(1,153,547)	(6%)
Environmental services	5,289,680	5,930,604	5,908,424	(640,925)	(11%)	10,149,270	10,087,029	(62,241)	(1%)
Sewerage	5,304,468	5,738,592	5,598,124	(434,124)	(8%)	8,067,918	7,927,450	(140,468)	(2%)
Stormwater	1,430,752	1,528,601	1,484,099	(97,849)	(6%)	2,176,366	2,119,684	(56,682)	(3%)
Transport	23,201,112	24,247,187	24,070,346	(1,046,076)	(4%)	36,057,539	35,533,789	(523,750)	(1%)
Water supply	4,376,221	4,367,646	4,398,517	8,576	(0%)	6,458,798	6,489,669	30,871	0%
Total	\$69,235,591	\$74,038,737	\$72,062,551	(4,803,146)	(6%)	\$114,399,798	\$110,317,050	(4,082,748)	(4%)
Net surplus/deficit	\$6,760,189	\$4,783,228	\$1,277,553	1,976,961	(10%)	\$3,280,319	(\$1,115,411)	(4,395,730)	(4%)
Capital expenditure									
Activity	YTD					FYB			
	Actual amount	Projection amount	Budget amount	Variance	Var %	Projection amount	Budget amount	Variance	Var %
Community leadership	-	-	-	0	-	79,000	79,000	0	0%
Community resources	1,222,762	4,064,287	2,934,991	(2,841,525)	(70%)	8,565,987	6,335,714	(2,230,273)	(26%)
Corporate services	194,398	204,662	90,575	(10,264)	0%	1,457,745	1,079,210	(378,535)	0%
Environmental services	37,587	35,770	-	1,817	0%	248,046	108,500	(139,546)	(56%)
Sewerage	2,598,929	3,101,763	3,057,319	(502,834)	(16%)	6,570,091	6,140,314	(429,777)	(7%)
Stormwater	428,433	1,544,660	1,490,384	(1,116,228)	(72%)	2,285,607	2,208,402	(77,205)	(3%)
Transport	11,225,955	11,309,315	11,137,071	(83,360)	(1%)	21,759,771	20,711,721	(1,048,050)	(5%)
Water supply	5,680,508	6,933,167	5,339,142	(1,252,659)	(18%)	10,761,076	8,937,875	(1,823,201)	(17%)
Total	\$21,388,572	\$27,193,624	\$24,049,482	(5,805,052)	(21%)	\$51,727,324	\$45,600,736	(6,126,588)	(12%)

ACTIVITY GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES				
This table details what is included in the various LTP activities used for this report				
Activity Group	Community leadership	Community resources	Environmental services	Transport
Activity	<p>Community assistance (includes Community Partnership Fund which supports local initiatives and projects, along with grants and donations)</p> <p>Community futures (includes district development services which includes community leadership, regional development funding and Stewart Island Visitor Levy)</p> <p>Representation and advocacy (includes governance, elected members, elections and chief executive)</p>	<p>Community facilities (includes public toilets, community centres/halls, office/library/amenity buildings and dump stations)</p> <p>Community services (includes cemeteries, community housing and library services)</p> <p>Open spaces (including parks, reserves, playgrounds and streetscapes)</p> <p>Waste services</p> <p>Stewart Island Electrical Supply Authority (SIESA)</p>	<p>Animal control</p> <p>Building solutions</p> <p>Emergency management</p> <p>Environmental health</p>	<p>Airport</p> <p>Cycle trails</p> <p>Footpaths</p> <p>Roading</p> <p>Water facilities (includes boat ramps, Riverton Harbour and Stewart Island Jetties)</p>
<p>Corporate services (shared across all activities) Includes customer and corporate support (such as people and capability, communications, strategy and policy, finance, information management) and forestry.</p>				

Statement of comprehensive income

Statement of comprehensive revenue and expenses for the period to 28 February 2022					
	YTD			FYB	
	Actual amount	Projection amount	Budget amount	Projection amount	Budget amount
Revenue					
Rates revenue	35,792,887	35,938,117	35,938,117	54,179,025	54,179,024
Other revenue	9,970,146	8,867,793	6,692,552	11,453,017	9,214,042
Interest and dividends	43,743	1,346,399	1,346,399	2,019,599	2,019,599
NZ Transport Agency funding	9,655,281	10,161,140	10,019,518	15,532,141	15,327,781
Grants and subsidies	8,573,007	9,671,724	6,548,060	14,564,865	8,668,794
Other gains/losses	78,350	41,335	0	760,412	647,085
Vested assets	0				
Development and financial contributions	30,000	0	0	36,189	10,445
	64,143,414	66,026,507	60,544,646	98,545,248	90,066,770
Expenditure					
Employee benefit expense	10,011,778	11,017,378	10,998,919	16,937,216	16,907,216
Depreciation and amortisation	18,088,723	18,139,983	18,139,983	27,209,974	27,209,974
Finance costs	200,350	843,373	843,373	1,265,059	1,265,059
Other Council expenditure	29,082,373	31,242,546	29,284,819	49,852,680	45,799,932
	57,383,225	61,243,279	59,267,093	95,264,929	91,182,181
Total comprehensive income	6,760,189	4,783,228	1,277,553	3,280,319	(1,115,411)

Note:

The revenue and expenditure in the comprehensive income statement does not reconcile to the total income and total expenditure reported in the Council summary by Activity Group on page 10 due to the elimination of the internal transactions. However, the net surplus/deficit (as per the Council summary by Activity Group) matches the total comprehensive income (as per the statement of comprehensive income).

The presentation of the statement of comprehensive income aligns with Council's Annual Report. The Annual Report is based on approved accounting standards. These standards require us to eliminate internal transactions. Council is also required to report by activities. A number of Council functions relate to a number of activities, eg finance. To share these costs, an internal transaction is generated between the finance business unit and the activity business units. Within the Annual Report, Council also prepares activity funding impact statements. These statements are prepared under the Financial Reporting and Prudence Regulations 2014. This regulation requires that internal charges and overheads recovered be disclosed separately. The Council summary by Activity Group is a summary of what these activity funding impact statements will disclose for income and expenditure at year end.

Statement of financial position

Council's financial position as at 28 February 2022 is detailed below. The statement of financial position below only includes Southland District Council and SIESA financial results and therefore the comparative period (30 June 2021) differs from the Annual Report, which includes Council's share of Wastenet operations.

The statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021 was adopted on 17 December 2021 as part of the 2020/2021 Annual Report.

Southland District Council Statement of financial position as at 28 February 2022		
	Actual 28-Feb-22	Actual 30-Jun-21
Equity		
Retained earnings	728,344,987	721,584,798
Asset revaluation reserves	856,312,665	856,312,665
Other reserves	40,963,080	40,963,080
Share revaluation	4,771,233	4,771,233
	<u>1,630,391,967</u>	<u>1,623,631,777</u>
Represented by:		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	7,292,651	1,674,768
Trade and other receivables	3,791,524	10,683,506
Inventories	126,353	126,353
Other financial assets	11,669,864	2,522,901
Property, plant and equipment	-	-
	<u>22,880,392</u>	<u>15,007,527</u>
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	1,617,473,892	1,613,474,356
Intangible assets	4,481,629	4,835,073
Forestry assets	13,270,000	13,270,000
Internal loans	52,455,124	52,455,124
Work in progress	106,721	452,965
Investment in associates	1,418,176	1,418,176
Other financial assets	421,062	1,579
	<u>1,689,626,604</u>	<u>1,685,907,272</u>
Total assets	<u>1,712,506,996</u>	<u>1,700,914,799</u>
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	8,934,109	15,534,466
Contract rententions and deposits	674,031	538,012
Employee benefit liabilities	1,584,953	2,098,531
Development and financial contributions	1,630,619	1,620,697
Borrowings	-	5,000,000
Provisions	3,023	3,023
	<u>12,826,734</u>	<u>24,794,728</u>
Non-current liabilities		
Employment benefit liabilities	23,163	23,163
Provisions	10,008	10,008
Internal loans - liability	52,455,124	52,455,124
Borrowings	16,800,000	-
	<u>69,288,294</u>	<u>52,488,294</u>
Total liabilities	<u>82,115,028</u>	<u>77,283,022</u>
Net assets	<u>1,630,391,967</u>	<u>1,623,631,777</u>

Statement of cash flows

Statement of cashflows for the period to 28 February 2022	
	2021/2022
	YTD Actual
Cash flows from operating activities	
Receipts from rates revenue	39,845,231
Receipts from other revenue (including NZTA)	30,979,947
Cash receipts from interest and dividends	43,743
Payment to suppliers	(35,352,258)
Payment to employees	(10,525,356)
Interest paid	(200,350)
GST general ledger (net)	(96,404)
Net cash inflow (outflow) from operating activities	24,694,553
Cash flows from investing activities	
Receipts from sale of PPE	78,350
(Increase)/decrease other financial assets	(9,566,447)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(21,742,016)
Purchase of forestry assets	-
Purchase of intangible assets	353,444
Net cash inflow (outflow) from investing activities	(30,876,669)
Cash Flows from financing activities	
Increase in term loans	36,800,000
Repayment of term loans	(25,000,000)
Increase/(decrease) finance leases	-
Net cash inflow (outflow) from financing activities	11,800,000
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	5,617,883
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	1,674,768
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of February	7,292,651

Cash and cash equivalents

1. At 28 February 2022, Council had \$2,140 cash on hand.

2. Funds on call at 28 February 2022:

Funds on call				
	Amount	Bank	Account	Interest rate
SDC	\$ 6,397,773	BNZ	Funds on call	0.08%
	\$ 10,000	BNZ	Operating bank acc	0.05%
	\$ 526,894	BNZ	Restricted funds acc	0.05%
SIESA	\$ 355,846	BNZ	Funds on call	0.05%
Total	\$ 7,290,512			

Reconciliation to statement of financial position	Amount
Cash and cash equivalents	
<i>Current assets</i>	
SDC Cash on hand (Note 1)	\$ 2,140
Funds on call (Note 2)	\$ 7,290,512
Total cash and cash equivalents per the statement of financial	\$ 7,292,651

Other financial assets

3. At 28 February 2022, Council had \$9.5 million invested in three term deposits as follows:

SDC Investments - Term Deposits				
Bank	Amount	Interest Rate	Date Invested	Maturity Date
ANZ	\$ 2,000,000	1.00%	24-Feb-22	17-Mar-22
ANZ	\$ 3,000,000	1.15%	24-Feb-22	19-Apr-22
Westpac	\$ 4,500,000	0.91%	24-Feb-22	17-Mar-22
Total	\$ 9,500,000			

4. At 28 February 2022, SIESA had \$1.72 million invested in six term deposits as follows:

SIESA investments - term deposits				
Bank	Amount	Interest rate	Date invested	Maturity date
BNZ	\$ 300,000	1.00%	7-Apr-21	7-Apr-22
BNZ	\$ 350,000	1.35%	24-Aug-21	24-May-22
BNZ	\$ 370,000	1.47%	7-Oct-21	1-Jun-22
BNZ	\$ 250,000	1.62%	2-Nov-21	2-Aug-22
BNZ	\$ 250,000	1.69%	3-Dec-21	5-Sep-22
BNZ	\$ 200,000	1.72%	6-Dec-21	6-Oct-22
Total	\$ 1,720,000			

5. At 28 February 2022, Council had \$420,000 of LGFA borrowers notes as follows:

LGFA Bonds				
	Amount	Interest Rate	Establishment date	Maturity Date
LGFA	\$ 210,000	3.14%	15-Dec-21	15-Apr-36
LGFA	\$ 210,000	3.10%	15-Dec-21	15-May-35
Total	\$ 420,000			

Reconciliation to statement of financial position	Amount
Other financial assets	
<i>Current assets</i>	
SDC Investments (Note 3)	\$ 9,500,000
SIESA Investments (Note 4)	\$ 1,720,000
Loans - community	\$ 28,579
Civic Assurance shares	\$ 12,986
Milford Sound Tourism shares	\$ 408,299
Total current financial assets per the statement of financial position	\$ 11,669,864
<i>Non - Current assets</i>	
LGFA bonds (Note 5)	\$ 420,000
Loan advances - Development contributions	\$ 1,062
Total non-current financial assets per the statement of financial position	\$ 421,062

External Borrowings

SDC Borrowings				
Lender	Amount	Interest Rate	Date Drawdown	Maturity Date
LGFA	\$ 8,400,000	3.49%	15-Dec-21	15-Apr-36
LGFA	\$ 8,400,000	3.45%	15-Dec-21	15-May-35
Total	\$ 16,800,000			

Reconciliation to statement of financial position	Amount
Borrowings	
<i>Current assets</i>	
Borrowings	\$ -
<i>Non-current assets</i>	
Borrowings	\$ 16,800,000
Total borrowings per the statement of financial position	\$ 16,800,000

Compliance with Council policies

Council's Investment and Liability Management Policy states that Council can invest no more than \$10 million with one bank. Investments and funds on call at 28 February 2022, comply with the SDC Investment and Liability Management Policy (\$9,010,513).

Exclusion of the public: Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

Recommendation

That the public be excluded from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting.

C10.1 Rating sale process

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Rating sale process	s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person.	That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists.