



# Draft Revenue And Financing Policy Statement Of Proposal

Have YOUR say!



**Waitaki District Council is proposing to make some changes to our Revenue and Financing Policy and we would like your feedback.**

## Purpose

The purpose of the Revenue and Financing Policy is to set out how Council proposes to fund the operating and capital expenditure of the activities it undertakes. The policy also demonstrates how Council has complied with section 101(3) of the Local Government Act. Council's current approach is to review this policy every three years.

## What we want you to do

This is your opportunity to have a say on the proposed changes to the Revenue and Financing Policy.

You can make a submission by completing the submission form (in this document) or you can go to [www.waitaki.govt.nz](http://www.waitaki.govt.nz) and complete an online submission.

**Submissions close at 12 noon on Friday 21 May 2021.**

Submissions can be posted to:

Corporate Planning  
Revenue and Financing Policy Consultation  
Waitaki District Council  
Private Bag 50058  
Oamaru 9444

Alternatively you can email your submission to [consult@waitaki.govt.nz](mailto:consult@waitaki.govt.nz)

## Some more important information

Over the page you will see some information on how the policy was developed and an overview of the proposed changes.

When you are completing your submission feel free to add extra pages if you wish.

Please also clearly state on the submission form if you wish to speak to your submission. Hearings take place on 24 and 25 May 2021.

If you wish to speak to your submission but you are unable to attend in person, a zoom link can be provided to allow you to connect in to the Council meeting.

It should be noted that all Council Meetings are livestreamed for public viewing, and recorded.

## Finding information

To view a copy of the draft policy and supporting documents, go to [www.waitaki.govt.nz](http://www.waitaki.govt.nz).

You can also get this information from:

- ▶ Our offices in Oamaru and Palmerston
- ▶ Waitaki District Libraries

If you have any questions about this policy review please call 03 433 0300 or email [consult@waitaki.govt.nz](mailto:consult@waitaki.govt.nz).

## Key dates

- ▶ Wednesday 21 April 2021: Consultation opens
- ▶ **Friday 21 May 2021: Consultation closes (midday)**
- ▶ Monday 24 May & Tuesday 25 May 2021: Council hears submissions
- ▶ Monday 31 May and Tuesday 1 June: Council deliberates on submissions
- ▶ No later than Tuesday 29 June 2021: Council adopts the 2021 Revenue and Financing Policy

## How to have your say

You can fill in the attached submission form and either email, post it or drop it off to Council offices in Oamaru or Palmerston.

Or you can fill in our online submission form available through the 'Public Consultation' page at [www.waitaki.govt.nz](http://www.waitaki.govt.nz).

If you indicate that you would like to speak to your submission, we will contact you to arrange a time.

## Changes to the Policy

The Revenue and Financing Policy is the centre of Council's funding decision making and is supported by a number of policies and statements. To support the consultation on the Revenue and Financing Policy, an amended Rating Policy and an amended Funding Needs Analysis will also be made available. The final decisions on any amendments to the Revenue and Financing Policy will then be reflected in the Funding Impact Statement in the Long Term Plan and Annual Plans.

Council is consulting on a number of changes to the funding mix and rating tools used to fund some of the activities it undertakes. What is proposed has been assessed as having a minor impact on Council's overall funding mix. The activities under review include SUIP (definition, exclusion for family use, and a new measure for Commercial SUIP); the amount the Oamaru Business Rate contributes to the activities it funds; the boundary for the Oamaru and Weston Amenity Rates, and the boundary for the Omarama Amenity Rate; Hall Rates; and a review of the remission for the forestry roading rate. Details on the proposed changes will be available through Council's website ([www.waitaki.govt.nz](http://www.waitaki.govt.nz)).

A summary of the proposed changes is set out in the following table. This sets out the proposed change, the areas including rates types it would impact and the likely general financial consequence where this is practically estimated. As the proposed changes are relatively minor, the practical options are the changes as proposed or a continuation of the status quo.

Although the overall impact of the proposed changes are minor, it will have a larger impact on some ratepayers. Council will contact those ratepayers directly so that they are aware of the proposed changes. The group to be contacted will include Kauru Hill ratepayers where a new Hall Rate has been proposed. However, as these will have an impact on every ratepayer, we welcome feedback from everyone.

## Summary of proposed changes

Activity	Current funding being reviewed	Proposed change	Reason	Impact on Funding Needs Analysis	Impact on Rating Policy	Impact on Revenue & Financing Policy	Funding Impacted by Proposal (2021/2022)	Estimated Rate Impact
	SUIP	Change use of "kitchen facilities" to "cooking facilities" in the definition of SUIP.	Addresses some of the common issues.	None.	Minor. Will require some developments to pay an extra SUIP. There will be a reduced rate for single bedroom v house.	Minor.	Nil.	Nil.
	SUIP for properties used exclusively by family members	Allow part or all remissions for exclusive family use, which will require an annual declaration to be submitted.	Addresses some of the common issues.	Minor.	Minor.	Minor.	Nil.	Nil.
	SUIP for Commercial/Businesses	Development of an appropriate measure for the application of the SUIP based on gross floor area.	More equitable application.	Minor.	Minor.	Minor.	Nil.	Nil.
<b>Tourism Development Visitor Services</b>	Oamaru Business Rate 10% UAGC 90%	Move Oamaru Business Rate to 7.5% and UAGC to 92.5%	Reduce the impact on the Oamaru Business Rate	Minor. Will be "minimal" change to the targeted rate component of the funding mix.	Minor. The change in the allocation method will be disclosed.	Minor. It moves a small portion from a targeted rate to the general rate that is already in use for this activity.	Business rate reduces by \$9,000 in total.	Residential rates increase by \$0.75 on average.
<b>Forrester Gallery and Waitaki Museum &amp; Archive Te Whare Taoka o Waitaki</b>	Oamaru Business Rate 10% Ward Services Charge 90%	Move Oamaru Business Rate to 7.5% and Ward Services Charge to 92.5%	Reduce the impact on the Oamaru Business Rate	Minor. Will be "minimal" change to the targeted rate component of the funding mix.	Minor. The change in the allocation method will be disclosed.	Minor. It moves a small portion from one targeted rate to another that is already in use for this activity.	Business rate reduces by \$37,000 in total	Residential rates increase by \$3.00 on average
<b>Waitaki Aquatic Centre</b>	Oamaru Business Rate 10% Ward Services Charge 90%	Move Oamaru Business Rate to 7.5% and Ward Services Charge to 92.5%	Reduce the impact on the Oamaru Business Rate	Minor. Will be "minimal" change to the targeted rate component of the funding mix.	Minor. The change in the allocation method will be disclosed.	Minor. It moves a small portion from one targeted rate to another that is already in use for this activity.	Business rate reduces by \$31,000 in total	Residential rates increase by \$2.50 on average
<b>Christmas Decorations</b>	Oamaru Business Rate 60% District Services Rate 40%	Move Oamaru Business Rate to 50% and District Services Rate 50%	Reduce the impact on the Oamaru Business Rate	Minor. Will be "minimal" change to the targeted rate component of the funding mix.	Minor. The change in the allocation method will be disclosed.	Minor. It moves a small portion from one targeted rate to another that is already in use for this activity.	Business rate reduces by \$3,000 in total	Residential rates increase by \$0.25 on average

Activity	Current funding being reviewed	Proposed change	Reason	Impact on Funding Needs Analysis	Impact on Rating Policy	Impact on Revenue & Financing Policy	Funding Impacted by Proposal (2021/2022)	Estimated Rate Impact
<b>Parking Enforcement</b>	Oamaru Business Rate 100%	Move Oamaru Business Rate to 75% and Ward Services Charge to 25%	Reduce the impact on the Oamaru Business Rate	Minor.	Minor.	Minor.	Business rate increases and Oamaru Ward Services Charge reduces by \$17,427	Business rate increases by \$59, Oamaru Ward Services Charge reduces by approx. \$2
<b>District Libraries</b>	Oamaru Business Rate 10% Ward Services Charge 90%	Move Oamaru Business Rate to 7.5% and Ward Services Charge to 92.5%	Reduce the impact on the Oamaru Business Rate	Minor. Will be "minimal" change to the targeted rate component of the funding mix.	Minor. The change in the allocation method will be disclosed.	Minor. It moves a small portion from one targeted rate to another that is already in use for this activity.	Business rate reduces by \$34,000 in total	Residential rates increase by \$2.80 on average
<b>Oamaru Public Gardens</b>	Oamaru Business Rate 10% Ward Services Charge 90%	Move Oamaru Business Rate to 7.5% and Ward Services Charge to 92.5%	Reduce the impact on the Oamaru Business Rate	Minor. Will be "minimal" change to the targeted rate component of the funding mix.	Minor. The change in the allocation method will be disclosed.	Minor. It moves a small portion from one targeted rate to another that is already in use for this activity.	Business rate reduces by \$12,000 in total	Residential rates increase by \$1.00 on average
<b>Oamaru Opera House</b>	Oamaru Business Rate 10% Ward Services Charge 90%	Move Oamaru Business Rate to 7.5% and Ward Services Charge to 92.5%	Reduce the impact on the Oamaru Business Rate	Minor. Will be "minimal" change to the targeted rate component of the funding mix.	Minor. The change in the allocation method will be disclosed.	Minor. It moves a small portion from one targeted rate to another that is already in use for this activity.	Business rate reduces by \$20,000 in total	Residential rates increase by \$1.70 on average
	Oamaru and Weston Amenity Rate Boundary	Review the boundary to be the same as the Oamaru Ward boundary	Recognises recent development in wider area.	Minor.	Minor.	Minor.	Affects two amenity rates, no impact on total rates	Impact on individual ratepayers cannot yet be determined
	Oamaru and Weston Amenity Rate	Have a separate amenity rate for Oamaru and Weston with all properties under 2ha contributing as per model, and properties over 2ha contributing at a flat rate.	Recognises that recent residential developments are moving to larger residential sections.	Minor.	Minor.	Minor.	Affects two amenity rates, no impact on total rates	Impact on individual ratepayers cannot yet be determined
	Omarama Amenity Rate Boundary	Review the boundary.	Recognises recent development in wider area.	Minor.	Minor.	Minor.	Expected to reduce the Omarama Amenity rate	Should benefit existing ratepayers
<b>Kauru Hill Hall Rate</b>	Hall Rate	Introduce a hall rate of \$50 per rateable property in the Kauru Hill boundary.	Requested by the Hall Committee to support Hall funding for costs and maintenance.	Minor. Impact limited to Kauru Hill ratepayers.	Minor. The change will be disclosed.		New rate is expected to raise \$3,600	New rate of \$50 per SUIP in the hall rating district
<b>Roading - Forestry</b>		Remove the remission on the forestry roading rate for carbon farming.	There is still an impact on the roading which needs to be funded by the forestry activity.	Minor.	Minor.	Minor.	Rates will increase by approx. \$6,000 annually	Affects 7 ratepayers to varying degrees

# Draft Revenue And Financing Policy Submission Form

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How to lodge your submission:

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- ▶ **Deliver:** Council offices at 20 Thames Street, Ōamaru or Waihemo Service Centre, 54 Tiverton Street Palmerston

## Submitter details: (please print clearly)

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to present your submission at a Council hearing?  Yes  No

If yes, do you wish to attend the Hearing in person, or via a zoom link? In Person / Zoom

**What comments would you like to provide on the proposal?**

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- All submissions are considered public under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act, and may be published and made available to elected members and the public.
- Your submission will not be returned to you once it is lodged with Council. Please keep a copy for your reference.

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