11.2. 20-165 Rate Setting Report for 2020/21



20-165

Title: Rate Setting Report for 2020/21

Section: Finance & Affordability

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Legal: Yes Financial: Yes Significance: Medium

Report to COUNCIL for decision

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to set the rates for the 2020/21 financial year after the 2020/21 Annual Plan (AP) has been approved.

SUMMARY

Report **20-141** being the Annual Plan 2020/21 Adopting Report asks Council to adopt the 2020/21 Annual Plan (AP). After the AP is adopted, Council must then set the rates under section 23 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

The rates requirement for 2020/21 is \$61.8m plus GST or \$71m including GST. There is an overall rates revenue increase of 3.26% in the rating requirement for 2020/21 when compared to 2019/20.

This report includes the schedule of rates excluding GST to be set for the 2020/21 financial year.

The decisions or matters in this report are considered to be of Medium significance in accordance with the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council

- 1. Resolves for the financial year commencing 1 July 2020 and ending 30 June 2021, in accordance with Council's Funding Impact Statement and as set out in the schedule of rates:
- 2. To set and assess the rates on rating units in the Gisborne District and
- 3. Set the due dates for the payment of rates and penalties for unpaid rates.

Authorised by:

Pauline Foreman - Chief Financial Officer

Keywords: Rates, rating units, funding impact statement, schedule of rates, 2020/21 annual plan, 2018-2028 LTP

BACKGROUND

- The 2020/21 Annual Plan (AP) must be approved before 30 June 2020. After the 2020/1 AP is approved, and under section 23 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 (LGRA), Council must set the rates by Council resolution in accordance with Council's 2018–2028 Long Term Plan (LTP) and the provisions of the Funding Impact Statement in the 2020/21 AP.
- The Financial Strategy for the 2018–2028 LTP proposed a limit of overall rate revenue increases of 5% for the duration of the ten years. The budget for the 2020/21 AP is within the financial parameters.

DISCUSSION

- 3. A full schedule of rates definitions, rates charges, due dates and penalty dates for rates and water rates are provided in paragraphs 10 to 16.
- 4. The LGRA section 21 has a limit on the revenue sought by Council from targeted rates set on a uniform basis and the Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC). This is referred to as the 30% cap.
- 5. The LGRA section 21 cap for 2020/21 is 27.8%. The cap is made up of the UAGC being \$15.3m (85%) and other fixed targeted rates of \$2.6m (15%). This is shown below in Table 1.

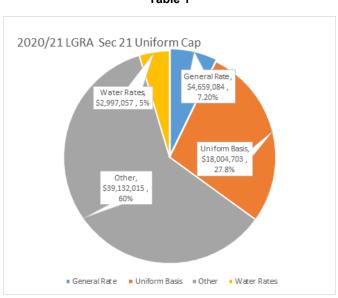


Table 1

Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC)

6. The UAGC for 2020/21 is \$679.36 plus GST or \$781.26 including GST. The UAGC is a fixed charge on all properties in the district unless a specific remission applies. The UAGC is made up of the following rates as set out in Council's Revenue and Financing Policy and 2020/21 AP Funding Impact Statement.

Table 2

UAGC Activity	2020/21
District Civil & Corporate expenses	14.33
Roading	114.11
Civil Defence	34.42
Environmental and Public Health Protection	89.39
Public Toilets	78.15
Strategic Planning and Engagement (Community Services)	64.60
Mayor and Councillor representation costs (Governance)	120.62
Economic Development & Tourism	3.20
Managing Solid Waste and Transfer Stations	91.67
Litter bins and cleaning public public areas	13.08
Cemeteries	15.86
Tairāwhiti Museum	40.99
Libraries	100.84
	\$781.26

Rates Definitions and Schedule of Rates Charges for 2020/21

Rates Definitions

- 7. Council uses land use classifications as defined by Council's rating valuer to determine Differential Rating Groups. Land use classification is based on a "highest and best use" assessment. However, where a rating unit assessed as "residential" is actually used for commercial or industrial purposes, its land use classification shall be deemed consistent with its actual use for rates assessment purposes. In such cases any relevant targeted rates shall apply.
- 8. As part of the rate setting process, the rating differential areas and a full schedule of the rates charges need to be stated in full and are shown below.
- 9. In the following rating definitions, Differential Rating Areas (DRAs) such as DRA1, DRA2 etc and Inner and Outer Zones are defined in accordance with the system of Differential Rating established by Special Order on 27 June 1991, the district was split into six (6) differential areas. Except for DRA5 these areas were established on 27 June 1991 and maps detailing the boundaries are available at Council's Administrative Offices, Fitzherbert Street, Gisborne. DRA4 was split into two areas, a new DRA5 and residual DRA4 by way of a Special Order on 16 May 2001. They are as follows:

DRA1	Former Gisborne City Council boundaries excluding Rural Farm Land – DRA1.	- Residential & Other - Commercial & Industrial
DRA1A	All Rural Farm Land within previous Gisborne City boundaries and the area surrounding the City including Wainui and Makaraka – DRA1A.	- Residential & Other - Commercial & Industrial
DRA2	Turanganui a Kiwa/Poverty Bay Flats including fringe hill properties including Makorori and Tatapouri.	-Residential, Rural & Other
DRA3	That area which is within reasonable and currently exercised commuting distance to Gisborne, including the localities of Whangara, part Waerenga-o-kuri; and Ngatapa, Whatatutu and Te Karaka.	- All Other Properties - Rural Townships
DRA4	The inland rural area beyond DRA3, up to boundary of DRA5. Tolaga Bay and Matawai.	- All Other Properties
	Tolaga Day and Malawai.	- Rural Townships
DRA5	The whole of the East Cape area from a line running inland from a point in the vicinity of Mangatuna north of Tolaga Bay Township, to the tip of East Cape; and Hicks Bay, Te Araroa, Tikitiki, Ruatoria,	- All Other Properties
	Waipiro Bay.	Rural Townships
	ned as the total land area of DRA1 + DRA1A + DRA2.	- Urban & Rural
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Schedule of Rates

10. Schedule of Rates for 2020/21. All rates and amounts are GST exclusive.

Rate	Rating Group	Description	Dollar value excluding GST	Basis
General Rate	All Rateable land	Under Sections 13 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 a General Rate on the rateable capital value of all land for Economic Development & Tourism, Animal & Plant Pests, Planning, Rivers Control, Stormwater, and Treasury.	0.00044846	per dollar of Capital Value
General Rate - Uniform Annual General Charge	All Rateable land	Under Section 15 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.	679.36000000	per Separately Used or Inhabited Part of a Rating Unit (SUIP) in accordance with Council Policy
Targeted Rates		Under sections 16, 17, 18 (and Schedule 3) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.		
Aquatic and Recreational Facilities	Inner Zone 1.0	A differential targeted rate on the rateable Capital Value of rateable properties in the Inner Zone and the Outer	0.00018127	per dollar of Capital value
	Outer Zone 0.3	Zone.	0.00005438	per dollar of Capital value
Theatres	Inner Zone 1.0	A differential targeted rate on the rateable Capital Value of rateable properties in the Inner Zone and the Outer	0.00011199	per dollar of Capital value
	Outer Zone 0.3	Zone.	0.00003360	per dollar of Capital value
Building Services	Inner Zone 85%	A differential targeted rate on the rateable capital value of the inner zone and the outer zone.	0.00008182	per dollar of Capital Value
	Outer Zone 15%	or the niner zerie and the eater zerie.	0.00002789	per dollar of Capital Value
Non Subsidised Local Roads	Inner Zone 85%	A differential targeted rate on the rateable capital value of the inner zone and the outer zone.	0.00002897	per dollar of Capital Value
	Outer Zone 15%		0.00000987	per dollar of Capital Value
Resource Consents	All Rateable land	A uniform targeted rate on the land value of all land.	0.00034634	per dollar of Land Value

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Rate	Rating Group	Description	Dollar value excluding GST	Basis
Environmental Health -Noise Control	DRA1, 1A Residential and DRA2	A Uniform Targeted Rate per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit within the Inner Zone (DRA1, DRA1A and DRA2) Residential Differential Rating Group.	3.36000000	per Separately Used or Inhabited Part of a Rating Unit
Dog Control	Residential DRA1,DRA1A and DRA3, DRA4 & DRA5 (Residential Rural Townships)	A Uniform Targeted Rate per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit within the DRA1, DRA1A Residential and DRA 3, DRA4, DRA5 Rural Townships Residential Differential Rating Groups.	27.76000000	per Separately Used or Inhabited Part of a Rating Unit
Passenger Transport	DRA1 Residential	A Uniform Targeted Rate per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit within the DRA1 Residential Differential Rating Group.	28.55000000	per Separately Used or Inhabited Part of a Rating Unit
Animal & Plant Pests	DRA1, DRA1A, DRA2 (20% Inner Zone)	A Differential Targeted Rate on the rateable land value of all land in the respective Differential Rating	0.00003500	per dollar of Land Value
	DRA3, DRA4, DRA5 (80% Outer Zone)	Areas.	0.00015669	per dollar of Land Value
Soil Conservation – Advocacy	DRA1, DRA1A & DRA2	A Differential Targeted Rate on the rateable land value of all land in the respective Differential Rating	0.00005915	per dollar of Land Value
	DRA3 & DRA44	Areas.	0.00012791	per dollar of Land Value
	DRA5		0.00074090	per dollar of Land Value
Soil Conservation –Land Use	DRA1, DRA1A & DRA2	A Differential Targeted Rate on the rateable land value of all land in the respective Differential Rating	0.00001951	per dollar of Land Value
	DRA'3 & DRA4	Areas.	0.00004217	per dollar of Land Value
	DRA5		0.00024427	per dollar of Land Value
Water Conservation	Inner Zone 70%	A Differential Targeted Rate on the rateable land value of all land in the respective Differential Rating Areas.	0.00032476	per dollar of Land Value
	Outer Zone 30%	Inner Zone (DRA1, DRA1A, DRA2) and the Outer Zone (DRA3, DRA4, DRA5).	0.00015576	per dollar of Land Value

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Rate	Rating Group	Description	Dollar value excluding GST	Basis
Parks & Reserves	Inner Zone 85%	A Differential Targeted Rate per rating unit in a defined area of the District to cover the costs of	319.42000000	per rating unit
	Outer Zone 15%	maintaining Parks & Reserves within these areas.	160.99000000	per rating unit
Rural Transfer Stations	Within scheme areas.	A Uniform Targeted Rate to properties per Separately Used or Inhabited Part of a rating unit within 15km of a Rural transfer Station.	139.04000000	per Separately Used or Inhabited Part of a rating unit
	Maps are available at Customer Services and on Council's website.			
Uniform Waste Management Charge – Gisborne District Refuse Collection	Within scheme refuse collection areas - currently Gisborne City and environs and Ruatoria.	A Uniform Targeted Rate per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit on properties for refuse collection for which Council is prepared to provide that service.	106.75000000	per Separately Used or Inhabited Part of a rating unit
	Maps are available at Customer Services and on Council's website.	Gisborne City (Residential and Non Commercial).		
		 Areas of the Turanganui a Kiwa/Poverty Bay Flats from Gisborne City in the South to Ormond in the North and bounded by the Waipaoa River in the West and the foothills in the East. 		
		 Wheatstone Road, Sponge Bay, Wainui, Okitu, Makarori, Turihaua, Makaraka, Papatu Road/SH2, Manutuke, Waihirere, Ormond, Waituhi, Patutahi and Muriwai. 		
		Ruatoria Township.		
Commercial Recycling Charge	Non-residential properties in the central business district which elect to receive the service.	A Uniform Targeted Rate per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit on non-residential properties in the central business district which elect to receive the recycling collection service for which Council is prepared to provide that service.	53.35000000	per Separately Used or Inhabited Part of a rating unit

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Rate	Rating Group	Description	Dollar value excluding GST	Basis
Business Area Patrols	Commercial Properties within the CBD Area: Non-residential properties on both sides of the roads bounded by Carnarvon Street, Childers Road, Reads Quay and Palmerston Road and all roads inside this area and also that part of Grey Street as far as the skateboard park and Customhouse Street as far as the Waikanae Cut.	A Targeted Rate on the rateable capital value of all commercial rating units within the Central Business District (CBD) Area for the cost of patrolling the CBD Area. The defined areas to be rated were confirmed by Council on 1 June 2000.	0.00032543	per dollar of Capital Value
City Centre Management and Promotion	Commercial Properties within the CBD Area: Non-residential properties on both sides of the roads bounded by Cobden Street, Childers Road, Reads Quay and Palmerston Road and all roads inside this area and also that part of Grey Street as far as the Skateboard Park and Customhouse Street as far as the Waikanae Cut and also all non-residential properties within the blocks bounded by Carnarvon Street, Childers Road, Palmerston Road and Cobden Street.	A Targeted Rate on the rateable capital value of all non-residential properties within the defined Central Business District (CBD) Area for City Centre Management and Promotion. The areas to be rated were confirmed by Council on 17 April 2003.	0.00073054	per dollar of Capital Value
Economic Development and Tourism	All Industrial, Commercial, Retail and Accommodation Properties.	A Targeted Rate on the rateable capital value of all rating units as classified in the District Valuation Roll of Industrial, Commercial, Retail and Accommodation categories, to contribute to the cost of economic development.	0.00037095	per dollar of Capital Value

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Rate	Rating Group	Description	Dollar value excluding GST	Basis		
Provision of Roads and Footpath	Provision of Roads and Footpaths					
Subsidised Local Roads	Residential/Lifestyle Blocks 1.0	A differential targeted rate on the rateable capital value of all land in the respective differential rating	0.00055335	per dollar of Capital Value		
	Industrial and Commercial 2.0	groups. For the purposes of the differential roading rate, horticulture and pastoral farming rating units	0.00110670	per dollar of Capital Value		
	Horticulture & Pastoral Farming 1.5	with land area less than 5 hectares will be assessed as lifestyle blocks.	0.00083003	per dollar of Capital Value		
	Forestry 7.5		0.00415013	per dollar of Capital Value		
Flood Damage & Emergency Reinstatement	Residential/Lifestyle Blocks 1.0	A differential targeted rate on the rateable capital value of all land in the respective differential rating	0.00003265	per dollar of Capital Value		
Tromotatomonic	Industrial and Commercial 2.0	groups. For the purposes of the differential roading rate, horticulture and pastoral farming rating units	0.00006531	per dollar of Capital Value		
	Horticulture & Pastoral Farming 1.5	with land area less than 5 hectares will be assessed as lifestyle blocks.	0.00004898	per dollar of Capital Value		
	Forestry 7.5		0.00024491	per dollar of Capital Value		
Stormwater Drainage						
Stormwater	DRA1 & DRA1A Residential properties includes Sponge Bay,Wainui & Okitu	A Differential Targeted Rate per rating unit in the defined areas to cover the costs of maintaining	176.15000000	per rating unit		
	All Rural Townships including Manutuke and Patutahi	stormwater within these areas.	93.26000000	per rating unit		
	DRA1 &DRA1A All Commercial and industrial properties		0.00053807	per dollar of Capital Value		

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Rate	Rating Group		Description	Dollar value excluding GST	Basis
Wastewater Sewerage and the tre	Wastewater Sewerage and the treatment and disposal of sewage				
Gisborne City Wastewater			e targeted rates will be applied to every serviced perty within the Gisborne scheme area.		
	Within scheme areas not connected	a)	A Uniform Targeted Rate per rating unit.	439.27000000	per rating unit
	Pan charges in addition to the above charges for connections	b)	A Uniform Targeted Rate per rating unit within Gisborne City and Sponge Bay which is situated within 30 metres of a public sewerage drain to which it is capable of being effectively connected, either directly or through a private drain, but which is not connected.	219.64000000	per rating unit
		c)	A Uniform Targeted Rate per water closet or urinal connected either directly or through a private drain to a public sewerage drain. PROVIDED THAT every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit used exclusively or principally as the residence of not more than one household shall be deemed to have not more than one water closet or urinal (Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002).	194.00000000	per water closet or urinal connected
	Maps are available at Customer Services and on Council's website.				

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Rate	Rating Group		Description	Dollar value excluding GST	Basis
Te Karaka Wastewater	Within scheme areas connected (a)		Uniform Targeted Rate for the purpose of viding sewerage drainage.		
	Within scheme areas not connected (b)	a)	Per rating unit within the defined Te Karaka Urban Drainage Area connected to the sewerage systems either directly or indirectly through a private drain to a public drain.	552.58000000	per rating unit
		b)	Per rating unit within the defined Te Karaka Urban Drainage Area situated within 30 metres of a public sewerage which is capable of being effectively connected either directly or through a private drain, but which is not connected.	276.29000000	per rating unit
	Maps are available at Customer Services and on Council's website.				
Water					
Uniform Water Charge	Within scheme areas connected	a)	A Uniform Targeted Rate for the ordinary supply of water per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit within Gisborne scheme area, being the City, Sponge Bay, Manutuke, Papatu Road, Te Arai Valley, Matawhero, Makaraka and Bushmere. Te Karaka and Whatatutu Supply areas.	264.75000000	per Separately Used or Inhabited Part of a rating unit
		b)	A Uniform Targeted Rate per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit to which water can be supplied but is not supplied (being a rating unit situated within 100 metres from any part of the waterworks).	132.37000000	per Separately Used or Inhabited Part of a rating unit
	Maps are available at Customer Services and on Council's website.				

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Rate	Rating Group	Description	Dollar value excluding GST	Basis	
Flood Protection And Control Wo	lood Protection And Control Works				
Coastal Property Protection Scheme	Rateable Properties within the defined area band A within the Hazard Area.	A Differential Targeted Rate in the following defined areas to cover the costs of maintaining coastal	0.00118553	per \$ of Capital Value	
	Rateable Properties within the defined area - band B within the Hazard Area.	protection works within these areas.	0.00118553	per \$ of Capital Value	
	Rateable Land within the defined area band C within the Hazard Area.		0.00118553	per \$ of Land Value	
	Map of scheme area is available at Customer Services and on Council's website.				
Wainui Foredune Capital Works	Rateable Land within the Hazard Area	A Targeted Rate on the land area of rating units within the hazard area for the cost of rock protection capital works.	20978.77000000	per hectare	
	Map of scheme area is available at Customer Services and on Council's website.				
Te Karaka Flood Control	Non Residential	A Differential Targeted Rate on the rateable capital	0.00076592	per dollar of Capital Value	
	Residential	value of all rating units within the defined Te Karaka Land Drainage Area for the purpose of contributing to the cost of land drainage in the respective	0.00115537	per dollar of Capital Value	
	Map of scheme area is available at Customer Services and on Council's website.	Residential and Non Residential Areas.			

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Rate	Rating Group	Description	Dollar value excluding GST	Basis
Waiapu River Erosion Protection Scheme	Direct Beneficiaries within the defined area	A Differential Targeted Rate in the defined areas to cover the operating costs of the scheme:	0.00052330	per dollar of Capital Value
	Indirect Beneficiaries within the defined area		0.00001761	per dollar of Capital Value
	Contributors within the defined area Map of scheme area is available at Customer Services and on Council's website.		0.06153853	per hectare
Waipaoa River Flood Control Scheme	Waipaoa River Flood Control Scheme classes A – F	A Targeted Rate on the rateable capital value of all land within the Waipaoa River Flood Control Scheme District in accordance with the classification list for the purpose of payment of loan charges and maintenance costs.	0.00004599	per dollar Capital Value
	Map of scheme area is available at Customer Services and on Council's website.			
Drainage Rates – Direct Beneficiaries	Drainage Scheme maps available on Council website or at Council offices. 1 - Ormond 2 - Eastern Taruheru 3 - Western Taruheru 4 - Willows 5 - Waikanae Creek 6 - City/Wainui 7 - Taruheru Classes A-D A - Waipaoa B - Patutahi C - Ngatapa D - Manutuke E - Muriwai	A Targeted Rate per hectare on the defined area of all rating units within the Drainage Differential Rating Areas to fund drainage work.	29.02199621	per hectare

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Rate	Rating Group	Description	Dollar value excluding GST	Basis
Drainage Rates - Contributors	Eastern Hill Catchment 8 and Western Hill Catchment F (see maps of scheme areas on Gisborne District Council website www.gdc.govt or at Council offices)	A Targeted Rate per hectare on the defined area of all rating units within the Drainage Differential Rating Areas to fund drainage work.	0.60121896	per hectare
Water Metering	Water by meter	Under Section 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 a fixed charge per unit of water consumed or supplied per cubic metre will apply for the supply of water to extraordinary users and ordinary rural domestic users. Water by meter has 300 cubic metre no charge domestic allowance for ordinary rural domestic users.	\$1.44	per cubic metre

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Due Dates and Penalty Dates for Rates

- 11. All due dates, penalty dates and when penalty dates are applied, are required by law to be published and details of these are set out below.
- 12. Under section 24 of the LGRA the Council's rates for the 2020/21 year will become due and payable at the Administrative Centre, 15 Fitzherbert Street, Gisborne by four instalments on the dates below.
- 13. Under sections 57 and 58 of the LGRA, Council will charge a penalty of 10% on any part of each respective instalment that remains unpaid after the due date. The dates the penalty will be applied are set out below.

Rates Instalment Dates	Rates Due Date	Rates Penalty Date	Rates Penalty Debiting Date		
Instalment 1	20 August 2020	21 August 2020 - Penalty 10%	24 August 2020		
Instalment 2	20 November 2020	23 November 2020 - Penalty 10%	25 November 2020		
Instalment 3	22 February 2021	23 February 2021 - Penalty 10%	25 February 2021		
Instalment 4	20 May 2020	21 May 2021 - Penalty 10%	25 May 2021		

P2 Penalty - July 2020

- 14. The P2 Penalty is a penalty that is imposed on any outstanding rates balance as at the end of the financial year. This includes any penalties previously applied to the ratepayers outstanding balances.
- 15. The P2 penalty under section 58 of the LGRA, has a maximum amount of 10% interest that can be applied to overdue balances.
- 16. The P2 penalty is not included in the rates setting decision for 2020/21 financial year,
- 17. This is to reduce financial impacts of ratepayers who may be financially affected as a result of COVID 19. This is also consistent where in Level 4 of lockdown, all penalties were remitted for instalment 4 of the 2019/20.
- 18. The use of P2 Penalty in future years will be reviewed for the 2021/2022 rating year.

Water Meter Charges and Penalties

19. Under sections 57 and 58 of the LGRA, Council will charge a penalty of 10% on water by meter rates.

Invoiced Annually					
Month of Invoice	Due Date	Date Penalty Added	Penalty Amount		
Jun-20	22-Jul-20	21-Jul-20	10%		
Invoiced 6- monthly					
Month of Invoice	Due Date	Date Penalty Added	Penalty Amount		
Jun-20	22-Jul-20	21-Jul-20	10%		
Dec-20	20-Jan-21	21-Jan-21	10%		
Invoiced Quarterly					
Month of Invoice	Due Date	Date Penalty Added	Penalty Amount		
Jun-20	20-Jul-20	21-Jul-20	10%		
Sep-20	20-Oct-20	21-Oct-20	10%		
Dec-20	20 Jan-21	21-Jan-21	10%		
Mar-21	20-Apr-21	21-Apr-21	10%		
Invoiced Monthly					
Month of Invoice	Due Date	Date Penalty Added	Penalty Amount		
Jun-20	20-Jul-20	21-Jul-20	10%		
Jul-20	20-Aug-20	21-Aug-20	10%		
Aug-20	21-Sep-20	22-Sep-20	10%		
Sep-20	20-Oct-20	21-Oct-20	10%		
Oct-20	20-Nov-20	23-Nov-20	10%		
Nov-20	21-Dec-20 22-De		10%		
Dec-20	20-Jan-21	21-Jan-21	10%		
Jan-21	22-Feb-21	23-Feb-21	10%		
Feb-21	22-Mar-21	23-Mar-21	10%		
Mar-21	20-Apr-21	21-Apr-21	10%		
Apr-21	20-May-21	21-May-21	10%		
May-21	21-Jun-21	22-Jun-21	10%		

- 20. Models of rates impact to the 2020/21 AP have been run and trend information is provided in **Attachment 1**.
- 21. A district-wide heat map of rates movements compared to 2020/21 is included in Attachment 1.

ASSESSMENT of SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts on Council's delivery of its Financial Strategy and Long Term Plan

Overall Process: Low Significance
This Report: Low Significance

Inconsistency with Council's current strategy and policy

Overall Process: Low Significance

The effects on all or a large part of the Gisborne district

Overall Process: Medium Significance

This Report: Low Significance

The effects on individuals or specific communities

Overall Process: Medium Significance

This Report: Low Significance

The level or history of public interest in the matter or issue

Overall Process: Medium Significance

This Report: Low Significance

- 22. The decisions or matters in this report are considered to be of **Medium** significance in accordance with Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
- 23. The rate setting process is an important component in Council's ability to deliver on the 2020/21 AP which is year three of the 2018–2028 LTP.

TANGATA WHENUA/MAORI ENGAGEMENT

24. With the global COVID-19 situation we were unable to hold community meetings throughout the region.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 25. The draft annual plan for 2020/21 was consulted on in March and April 2020. The rates increase approved for consultation was 4.87%. Due to the COVID-19 level restrictions in place at the time, consultation was provided on Council's Facebook and website. Submissions were received via Council website and email.
- 26. At an online Extraordinary Council meeting held on 23 April 2020, Council resolved to reduce the rates increase for 2020/21 from the draft Annual Plan of 4.87% to 3.26% as forecast in year three of the 2018–2028 LTP.

CLIMATE CHANGE – Impacts / Implications

27. Climate change affects many local authority functions and responsibilities. Some of the functions and responsibilities are funded from Council rates by the community. The Tairāwhiti 2050 spatial plan outcome 2 'Resilient Community' recognises the impacts of climate change in our district. There is a portion of rate funding for at risk activities like water security, coastal communities and natural ecosystems.

CONSIDERATIONS

Financial/Budget

28. The adoption of the 2020/21 Annual Plan budget estimates will enable Council to collect rates revenue to fund its operations as set out in the Funding Impact Statement.

Legal

29. This rates resolution is made under the Local Government Act 2002 and the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. Section 23 of the Local Government Rating Act 2002 requires Council to set the rates by Council resolution.

POLICY and PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

- 30. The recommendation proposed is detailed in the Funding Impact Statement in the 2020/21 AP.
- 31. The decision is not expected to directly affect any of the community outcomes or strategic challenges.

RISKS

32. The risks associated with the setting of the rates for the 2020/21 year are financial (which are covered in paragraphs above).

NEXT STEPS

Date	Action/Milestone	Comments
25 June 2020	Council sets rates for 2020/21	
July 2020	Send ratepayers rate assessments and rates invoices for instalment one	Due date for payment 20 August 2020
October 2020	Send ratepayers rates invoices for instalment two	Due date for payment 20 November 2020
January 2020	Send ratepayers rates invoices for instalment three	Due date for payment 22 February 2021
April 2020	Send ratepayers rates invoices for instalment four	Due date for payment 20 May 2021

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 - 2020 Rates Setting Report [20-165.1 - 4 pages]

Attachment 1

Modelled Rates Trends for 2020/21

The overall rates increase from last year to the Annual Plan 2020/21 is 3.26%.

Common Trends for 2020/21 compared to 2020/20

DRA1 - City

The city residential rate payer will have on average, an increase of 4.58% to rates or \$127.

Drivers mainly attributed to fixed charge increases include:

- Sewerage Uniform Charge \$90.12 (increase in fixed targeted rate)
- Stormwater \$14.73 (increase in fixed targeted rate)
- Water Uniform Charge per connection \$11.89 (Increase in fixed targeted rate)
- Parks and Reserve rate \$9.04
- UAGC \$9.17
- Resource Consents is a driver for properties over \$100k land value

On average for the commercial/industrial rate payer will have 2.93%.

DRA1A - Average increase is 1.4%

- 74% or 1,111 properties move in the **0 2%** range. The average increase in this group is \$45 compared to last year's rates.
- 180 properties increase to more than **3.26%**. This is attributed to increases in resource consents, capital value changes, newly connected services (Wheatstone Rd, Sponge Bay). The average increase is \$127.
- In the targeted group that contribute to the Coastal protection scheme, the average increase is **4.31%** or \$254. Drivers in this group are also resource consents **42%** of increase (\$107) Coastal Protection scheme **13%** of increase (\$163). This varied depending on the value of the property its property banding (e.g. how close the property was to the sea).

DRA2 - Average increase is 3%

- The average increase for 79% of properties is \$32 compared to last year's rates
- 46 properties or 1.9% increase more than 3.26%. These increases are dues to selfgenerated changes, remissions, subdivisions, property sales, contiguous properties and resource consents movements.

DRA3- Average increase is 2.18%

- 66% of properties have an increase of up to \$50
- 157 or 12% of properties increase more than 3.26%. These increases are dues to selfgenerated changes, remissions, subdivisions, property sales, contiguous properties and resource consents movements.

DRA4- Average increase is 4% * Increase due to self generated changes

- **54%** have an increase of up to \$50 with a further **28%** either staying the same or receiving a decrease
- 9% (150 properties) increase more than 3.26%. *

*These increases are mostly driven by self-generated capital improvements, subdivisions, changes in remissions, contiguous properties and resource consents movements.

DRA5- Average increase is 2.75%

- 90% of properties have an increase of less than \$50 or have a rate's decrease
- The average increase is 2.75%. But when excluding outliers of 23 properties, the
 average increase drops to 1.24% or \$30 (The top 23 properties that all changed due
 to lease changes and contiguous remissions, for example, a uniform Annual General
 Charge would now be payable
- 18% of properties increase more than 3.26% these are mainly due to self-generated changes such as subdivisions, capital value changes, and property lease arrangements where properties are no longer contiguous and uniform annual general charges are payable

Outliers

 There are 131 properties that increase over \$1000. Self-generated changes account for nearly 70% of these outliers including subdivisions new dwellings, new services, capital value changes or RID maintenance for property such as sales, remissions, and changes/corrections to lease arrangements.

Sectors Trends

Residential

• The city residential rate payer on average will have a **4.58**% rates increase or \$127. Drivers are mainly attributed to fixed charge increases as described above for DRA1

Commercial and Industrial

The average increase for the commercial/industrial rate payer will have 2.93%. Drivers
are mainly attributed to fixed charge increases as described above for DRA1

Horticulture and Pastoral

- The average increase for the sector is 2.24% with 79% of properties increasing 3.5% or
- **52%** or 1,052 properties increase less than \$50
- The primary driver increase is from Resource Consents (44.44%) in line with budget changes

Forestry

- The average increase is 0.12% or \$17
- The primary drivers of change are decreased general rates and increases in Resource Consents.

• 95% of the sector have an increase of less \$50

Table 1: Rates Movement Dollars

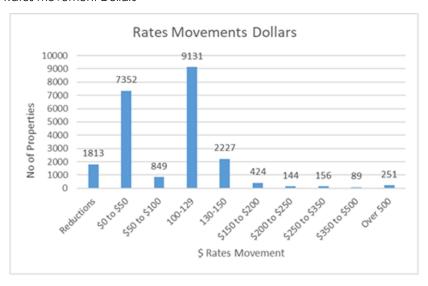
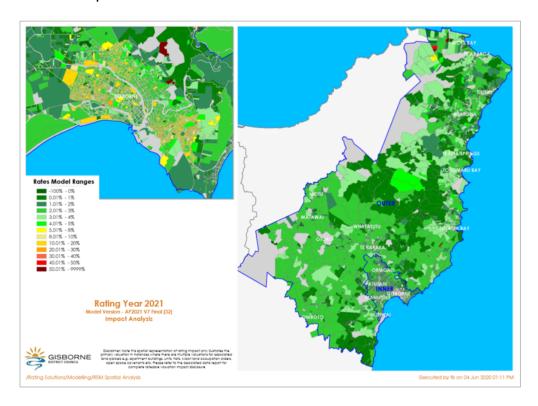


Table 2: Rating examples

District & Category	Last Valuation	of property	Capital Value of property 2020/21	proposed rates		2019/20 Current Annual Rates (\$)	Movement in \$ terms	Movement %age
City Elgin	Jul-17	142,000	142,000	\$2,864.4	44	\$2,720.61	143.83	5.39
City Lytton West	Jul-17	351,000	351,000	\$3,295.3	37	\$3,145.92	149.45	4.89
City Kaiti	Jul-17	200,000	200,000	\$2,989.0	01	\$2,843.56	145.45	5.19
City Whataupoko	Jul-17	327,000	327,000	\$3,273.4	46	\$3,123.07	150.40	4.89
City Commercial	Jul-17	2,010,000	2,010,000	\$10,041.0	09	\$9,820.26	220.82	2.29
City Industrial	Jul-17	868.000	868.000	\$6,249.8	80	\$6,042.27	207.53	3.49
Lifestyle Makaruri	Jul-17	730,000	730,000	\$3,179.6	65	\$3,144.87	34.78	1.19
Horticultural Patutahi	Jul-17	5,640,000	5,640,000	\$17,682.2	29	\$17,308.16	374.13	2.29
Pastoral Tiniroto	Jul-17	2,970,000	2,970,000	\$8,341.2	26	\$8,118.95	222.31	2.79
Pastoral Ruatoria	Jul-17	600,000	600,000	\$3,058.7	79	\$2,982.50	76.29	2.69
Pastoral Tolaga Bay	Jul-17	915,000	915,000	\$3,303.5	55	\$3,251.68	51.86	1.69
Forestry Motu	Jul-17	6.320.000	6.320.000	\$42,511.5	56	\$42,443.26	68.30	0.29
Forestry Ruatoria	Jul-17	1,155,000	1,155,000	\$9,669.5	59	\$9,584.11	85.48	0.99
Rural Town Te Karaka	Jul-17	140,000	140,000	\$2,634.4	42	\$2,621.80	12.62	0.59
Rural Town Hicks Bay	Jul-17	229,000	229,000	\$1,797.8	88	\$1,781.95	15.93	0.99

District Heat Map of AP 2021 3.26%



The heat map shows the level of increases across the district.