

7.6 Revenue and Financing Policy

The Revenue and Financing Policy sets out the District Council's policies in respect to funding operating and capital expenditure. This policy forms part of Council's LTP and has considered the principles of our Financial Strategy.

Council has reviewed each individual activity with a view to determining an equitable funding policy. In doing so Council considered the nature of the service and the benefits and beneficiaries for each service. Items taken into account during that deliberation were:

- Community outcomes to which an activity contributes
- The distribution of benefits between the community as a whole, identifiable parts of the community and individuals
- The period during which the benefits are expected to occur
- The extent to which actions, or inactions, of individuals or groups contribute to the need to undertake the activity
- Costs and benefits of funding the activity distinctly from other activities

The revenue and financing policy is not just an aggregation of policies for the individual activities Council carries out. It also a means for Council to consider the overall impact of any allocation of liability for revenue needs on the current and future social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of the community.

Council's overall approach is that, where practicable, areas that directly benefit, fund the service/activity, or bundle of services in that area. Council implements this philosophy through the use of distinct ward rating areas.