

8.2 Resolution to Set Rates 2025/26

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Recommendation

That as the Annual Plan 2025/26 has been adopted and in accordance with the Funding Impact Statement (FIS) and relevant provisions of the Long Term Plan 2024 – 34 Council resolves:

- 1 To set the following rates under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on rating units in the district for the financial year commencing 1 July 2025 and ending on 30 June 2026. Such rates shall become due and payable by instalments on the dates prescribed in clause 12 of this resolution.
- 2 All rates and charges are inclusive of Goods and Services Tax (GST).

3 General Rate

That pursuant to Section 13(2)(b) and Section 14 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 a general rate set as a rate in the dollar on the land value of all rating units within the Timaru District, assessed on a differential basis as described in the Funding Impact Statement (FIS) are as follows:

Timaru District - Accommodation	\$0.01382
Timaru District - Commercial	\$0.01382
Timaru District - Community Services	\$0.00318
Timaru District - Industrial	\$0.01382
Timaru District - Primary	\$0.00214
Timaru District - Recreational	\$0.00318
Timaru District - Residential General	\$0.00318
Timaru District - Residential Multi Unit	\$0.00613

The differential categories are defined in the FIS 2025- 26.

4 Uniform Annual General Charge

That pursuant to Section 15(1)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 a uniform annual general charge of \$1,163.22 per rating unit is set and assessed on every rating unit within the Timaru District.

5 Business Improvement District Targeted Rate

That pursuant to section 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(b) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 a targeted annual rate within the Timaru CBD boundary for CBD business improvement, variable based on Capital Value.

Capital Value up to and including \$1,000,000	\$500.00
Capital Value between \$1,000,001 and \$1,500,000	\$750.00
Capital Value over \$1,500,000	\$1,015.63

6 Community Works and Services

That pursuant to section 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(b) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 a targeted community works and services rate set and assessed as a rate in the dollar on the land value of all rating units within each of the following community areas:

Geraldine	\$0.00135
Pleasant Point	\$0.00004
Rural	\$0.00006
Temuka	\$0.00158
Timaru	\$0.00124

Community areas are defined in the FIS 2025-26.

7 Community Board

That pursuant to section 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 targeted uniform annual Community Board rates set and assessed per rating unit within each of the Temuka, Geraldine and Pleasant Point communities, as follows:

Geraldine	\$10.00
Pleasant Point	\$6.00
Temuka	\$6.00

8 Wastewater

That pursuant to section 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 a targeted uniform rate for sewage disposal set per water closet or urinal connected either directly or through a private drain to a public sewerage drain subject to the proviso that every rating unit used primarily as a residence of not more than one household shall be treated as having not more than one water closet or urinal, as follows:

Wastewater	\$406.20
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9 Waste Management

That pursuant to section 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 a targeted rate set and assessed on all rateable and non-rateable rating units based on the extent of the waste collection, which is provided as follows:

9.1. A targeted annual waste management charge of a fixed amount per set of 4 bins for all rateable and non-rateable land (see description of waste categories in FIS):

- 9.1.1. \$384.58 per "Standard" 4 bins provided to each rating unit; and
- 9.1.2. \$499.86 per "Large" 4 bins provided to each rating unit

9.2. Additional bins are charged for as a targeted annual waste management bin charge of a fixed amount per additional bin:

- 9.2.1. \$96.13 per additional small (140 litres) recycling bin provided to each rating unit;
- 9.2.2. \$107.66 per additional large (240 litres) recycling bin provided to each rating unit;
- 9.2.3. \$149.96 per additional small (140 litres) compost bin provided to each rating unit;
- 9.2.4. \$173.03 per additional large (240 litres) compost bin provided to each rating unit;
- 9.2.5. \$184.57 per additional small (140 litres) rubbish bin provided to each rating unit;
- 9.2.6. \$261.47 per additional large (240 litres) rubbish bin provided to each rating unit;

- 9.2.7. \$96.13 per additional small (80 litres) glass bin provided to each rating unit; and
- 9.2.8. \$107.66 per additional large (240 litres) glass bin provided to each rating unit

10 Water

That pursuant to section 16(3)(b), 16(4)(a) and (b), and section 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 targeted rates for the supply of water in the following areas are as follows:

10.1. Urban Water

- 10.1.1. A differential annual rate of \$619.07 set and assessed per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit for all connected rating units (excluding those supplied through a meter) and \$309.54 set and assessed per rating unit for all serviceable rating units within the Geraldine, Pleasant Point, Peel Forest, Temuka, Timaru and Winchester urban supply areas.

Definitions of "connected", "serviceable", "unit", and of the differential categories are contained in the FIS 2025-26.

10.2. Rural Water

10.2.1. The Rangitata-Orari Water Supply District

A targeted rate of \$20.17 set and assessed per hectare within the rating unit.

10.2.2. The Te Moana Downs Water Supply District

A targeted rate of \$503.02 set and assessed for each unit of water supplied;

A targeted rate of \$1,051.31 set and assessed for each tank except where there is more than one tank to any rating unit as a technical requirement of the scheme, in which case only one charge will apply.

10.2.3. The Orari Water Supply District

A targeted rate of \$656.84 set and assessed for each unit of water supplied.

10.2.4. The Seadown Water Supply District

A targeted rate of \$40.73 set and assessed per hectare within the rating unit;

A targeted rate of \$1,018.29 set and assessed per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit for each domestic supply;

10.2.5. Beautiful Valley Water Supply District

A targeted rate of \$22.10 set and assessed per hectare within the rating unit.

10.2.6. Downlands Water Supply District

On so much of the rating unit appearing on District Valuation Rolls number 24640, 24660, 24670, 24680, 24690, 24700, 24710, 24820, 24840, 24850, 24860, and part 25033, as is situated within the Downlands Water Supply District the following targeted rates:

A fixed amount of \$1,270.00 set and assessed for each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit within the Pareora Township and for rating units used as halls within the scheme.

In addition, a fixed amount of \$907.46 set and assessed for each separate connection (excluding Pareora Township) to the water supply except where there is more than one connection to any rating unit as a technical requirement of the scheme, in which case only one charge will apply.

In addition to the charge assessed above, a fixed amount of \$363.00 set and assessed per unit of water or where water supplied in one half units a charge of \$181.50 set and assessed per half unit supplied.

The differential categories are defined in the FIS 2025-26.

10.2.7. Water by Meter

Targeted rates for water supply, set under section 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 per cubic metre of water consumed to any rating unit situated in the following areas which has been fitted with a water meter:

Seadown	\$1.24
Urban	\$1.10

11 Community Centre

That pursuant to section 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, the following uniform targeted rates are set and assessed in respect of each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit situated in the following Community Centre Areas:

Claremont Community Centre	\$20.56
Fairview Community Centre	\$31.17
Kingsdown Community Centre	\$38.15
Otipua Community Centre	\$19.62
Seadown Community Centre	\$33.39

12 Instalment Dates

The above rates and charges (except for metered water) are due and payable in four equal instalments on the following dates:

12.1. All Ratepayers

Instalment	Due Date
1	19 September 2025
2	19 December 2025
3	20 March 2026
4	19 June 2026

12.2. The Due dates for metered water charges are as follows:

Month invoice raised	Due Date
July 2025	20 August 2025
August 2025	23 September 2025
September 2025	20 October 2025
October 2025	20 November 2025
November 2025	22 December 2025
December 2025	20 January 2026
January 2026	20 February 2026
February 2026	20 March 2026
March 2026	20 April 2026
April 2026	20 May 2026
May 2026	22 June 2026
June 2026	20 July 2026

13 Penalties

That pursuant to Section 57 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 the Timaru District Council prescribes the following penalties to be added to unpaid rates:

13.1. A Penalty

A penalty under section 58(1)(a) of the Act of 10% of the amount of the instalment that remains unpaid after the due date of that instalment will be added on or after the following dates:

Instalment	Penalty Date
1	23 September 2025
2	13 January 2026
3	24 March 2026
4	23 June 2026

13.2. Further Penalties

A further penalty under section 58(1)(b) and 58(1)(c) of the Act of 10% of the amount of any rates from previous financial years remaining unpaid on 7 July 2025 will be added on 7 July 2025.

Under section 58(1)(c), an additional penalty of 10% will be added to any unpaid rates from previous financial years that remain unpaid on 13 January 2026. This penalty will be added on 13 January 2026.

Penalties will not be applied to the metered water targeted rates.

Purpose of Report

- 1 To set the rates, due dates, and penalties regime for the 2025-26 financial year.

Assessment of Significance

- 2 Setting of the rates is the final step to enable rates to be levied for the 2025-26 year. This has high significance.
- 3 There has been extensive community consultation on the proposed Annual Plan 2025-26 using the Special Consultative Procedure outlined in sections 83 and 93A of the Local Government Act 2002.

Legal Compliance

- 4 Rates are set and assessed in accordance with requirements of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 and the Local Government Act 2002.
- 5 Rates are a tax and a very high standard of administration is expected in the tax setting process.
- 6 The rates resolution must be made after the Annual Plan 2025-26 has been adopted.
- 7 Due to the significance of rates revenue and the complex requirements of rates resolutions, staff have obtained legal advice to ensure that all parts of the Funding Impact Statement (FIS) and rates resolutions are compliant with legal requirements.

Risks

- 8 If the information in the resolution is not accurate the rates could be invalid. The wording and calculations have been prepared and checked by members of the Finance Team to ensure the

information is correct. It has also had an external legal review as we do each year to provide assurance regarding the correctness of the rates setting resolution.

- 9 The rating model has been used for a number of years and the output from the rates resolution has been run through the rating system to ensure that the revenue generated is correct.
- 10 Should the Annual Plan and FIS 2025-26 not be adopted at the meeting, the rates cannot be set.

Relevant Legislation, Council Policy and Plans

- 11 Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 and Local Government Act 2002.
- 12 Timaru District Council Annual Plan 2025-26

Attachments

Nil