

It's Our Place

Draft Revenue & Financing Policy

How we fund our activities and services

Ashburton District Council is reviewing its Revenue & Financing Policy and is proposing some changes. This policy sets out how we as a Council charge for the services we provide. This booklet includes a summary of the proposed new policy, an outline of the changes and a submission form for your feedback.

We are accepting feedback until 5.00pm, 26 July 2020.

Introduction

The way Council funds activities and services impacts everyone living in Ashburton District.

We have recently undertaken a review of the Revenue & Financing Policy. The policy is our framework for how we charge rates for the services Council provides. During the review we found that many of the activities undertaken by Council are funded appropriately. However, we are suggesting some changes to ensure our approach is fair.

The key issues we are consulting on include how we fund Elderly Persons Housing, Stockwater Management and Wastewater. We are also looking at some rating boundary changes, the most notable being extensions for our Solid Waste collection service. Throughout the document you will see we have developed some options for the key issues.

We have used the best available information to do so using current budgets. The amount we need to provide our services changes each year, so any amounts stated are subject to change.

The aim of the policy is to ensure ratepayers pay what is fair for Council activities and services

- Neil Brown, Mayor



Supporting documents

Draft Revenue & Financing Policy and maps

Council report to adopt the Revenue & Financing Policy

Stockwater Rate review report

A full version of the Draft Revenue & Financing Policy is available from ashburtondc.govt.nz/haveyoursay

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We want to hear from YOU!

Background

What are rates?

The Revenue & Financing Policy sets out how we fund each service and activity we are involved in and why.

The draft Policy contains the various benefits for ratepayers in the funding of services and activities.

A rate is a fund collected by Council through taxes on properties within the district. The policy sets out different types of rates. Rates can be applied in different ways, such as:

- A **targeted rate** is charged for a specific service, for example businesses in the CBD pay a targeted rate for additional footpath cleaning. Targeted rates are charged on the capital value of a property, or by determining a set amount (which we call a targeted uniform annual charge).
- A **general rate** is based on how much the property is worth (capital value) and is applied to the whole district.
- A **Uniform Annual General Charge** (UAGC) is a charge of an equal amount on each rateable unit within the district. It is used when it is clear that everyone benefits from an activity or service.

What is the Revenue and Financing Policy? How does it work?

The policy sets out how we fund each service and activity we are involved in and why. Our approach is to allocate a percentage to each service which is based on who benefits. For example, animal control primarily benefits dog owners. It is dog owners who pay the most towards this service through their dog registration fees. But we also consider there is a benefit for all ratepayers, through ensuring public safety, which is why all ratepayers also bear some of the cost through the general rate.

What are user charges?

User charges (or fees and charges) apply when people use a specific service where they are the only ones who benefit. An example of this is a Resource Consent application, where the benefit is solely experienced by the applicant. Another example is a plot for a cemetery.

What is capital value (CV)?

We assess the value of all properties within the district. The valuation includes the land plus any improvements. CV is used to calculate how much you will pay in general rates, or the percentage you pay towards a targeted rate.

How do you decide who benefits?

A benefit is something you gain from a Council-provided activity or service, regardless of whether you decide to take up the benefit or not. Different types of benefits are funded in different ways.


- A **public benefit** is where everyone benefits. We use the general rate or UAGC to share the costs of services with a public benefit. An example of this is Community Grants, where everyone in the district benefits equally.
- A **private benefit** is where there is a direct benefit to an individual or group rather than the community as a whole. We use user charges for private benefit as much as we can. We also use targeted rates where there is a private benefit to a group of ratepayers. An example of this is drinking water, where we charge users who receive the drinking water service.


What is the difference between capital expenditure and operating expenditure?

Capital expenditure is money spent on new and existing assets which increase, and may also restore, the level of service we provide. Operating expenditure is the day-to-day costs of providing our activities and services.

Key changes

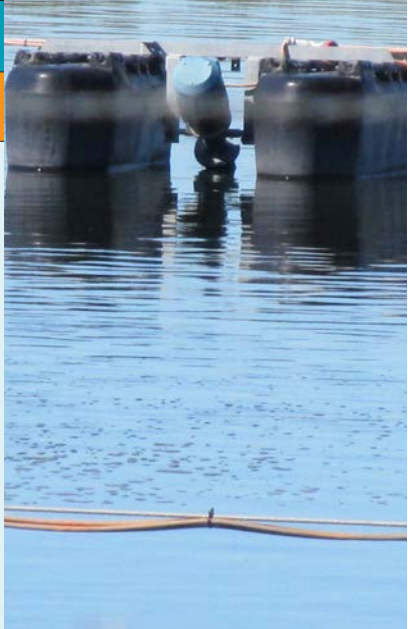
This provides a summary of the changes we propose.

Elderly Persons Housing				
Current policy	Proposed policy	Why?	Who is affected?	
100% fees and charges (obtained through rental income)	0-30% general rate 70-100% fees and charges	Many of the units require upgrading to meet basic standards. The reserves for EPH will run out in about two years so we propose charging all ratepayers through the general rate	All ratepayers as we propose everyone supports EPH through the general rate	

Stockwater Management				
Current policy	Proposed policy	Why?	Who is affected?	
Minimum charge of \$89.80 and \$0.56 per metre over 161 metres Separate charge for 'stockwater services'	Minimum charge of \$600 and \$0.1665 per metre over 1,000 metres ¹ No charge for 'stockwater services'	We propose increasing the minimum charge for Stockwater to more evenly/fairly share the cost between users. Currently it is smaller properties who rely on stockwater but pay the least. Larger properties tend to have their own arrangements but pay the most.	Any properties that pay a stockwater rate. Properties with shorter race lengths are likely to pay more and larger race lengths less.	

¹ Note these amounts have been calculated using best available information but are subject to change depending on the budget required to provide Stockwater in any given year.

Key changes

Wastewater				
Current policy	Proposed policy	Why?	Who is affected?	
Separate rates apply based on which scheme your property is connected to	Grouping the schemes so that everyone pays the same, regardless of location	Grouping the schemes allows the cost of providing the Wastewater service to be shared by all users. It will result in a slight saving for Ashburton properties, and an increase for Methven and Rakaia. We consider this approach to be fair as it aligns with how we charge for other similar services, like drinking water. Based on our current budget, it will cost around \$420 per connection each year.	Any property connected to the Ashburton, Methven or Rakaia wastewater schemes.	


Rates can be a complex topic. We've tried to break it down for you in this document but if you have any questions please get in touch with your local councillor


- Roger Letham, Councillor Western Ward



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Other changes

Community Grants and Funding				
Current policy	Proposed policy	Why?	Who is affected?	
Mixture of UAGC and general rate	100% UAGC	Aligning the funding of all community grants and funding provides a consistent approach	All ratepayers as everyone pays the UAGC but the rates impact is likely to be minimal	

EA Networks Centre				
Current policy	Proposed policy	Why?	Who is affected?	
60% fees and charges 40% UAGC	Use rates to support EANC to a greater extent 60-80% fees and charges 20-40% UAGC	This activity is not currently meeting the funding split detailed in the policy (60% UAGC and 40% fees and charges). The proposed funding range helps to buffer for any uncertainty regarding COVID-19. The goal will still be to maximise fees and charges, however the funding range ensures fees do not have to be increased to a level that makes EANC unaffordable.	All ratepayers as everyone pays the UAGC. We are not able to assess the rates impact given the uncertainty around COVID-19.	

We use funding ranges to provide flexibility in case not enough revenue is obtained from fees and charges. Our goal is still to work towards 'user pays' through fees but a range allows us to budget for income fluctuations, with the option of using rates.

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Other changes

Memorial Halls and Reserve Boards				
Current policy	Proposed policy	Why?	Who is affected?	
50% general rate 50% targeted rate (CV)	Use 100% targeted rates Apply a targeted rate to Methven and Rakaia (which includes the \$12k Methven grant and \$8k Rakaia grant), urban amenity rate (for Tinwald Hall), and a rural amenity rate (for all other halls)	The current approach is complex to administer and has resulted in many Memorial Halls and Reserve Boards being underfunded. We still want to apply the 'user pays' principle so we need to look at targeted rates for the people who benefit.	All ratepayers within the areas of proximity to Memorial Halls and Reserve Boards but the impact is expected to be minimal	



We have thought about which people benefit from activities and services we provide. This has helped us work out who should be paying for what

- Angus McKay Councillor, Ashburton Ward

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Other changes

Community Services activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cemeteries • Reserves and Campgrounds 			
Current policy	Proposed policy	Why?	Who is affected?
Various – we use a combination of the general rate and fees and charges	Include a ‘funding range’ to account for loss of revenue by increasing the general rate component	<p>Cemeteries is currently not obtaining enough revenue through fees and charges. We propose using the general rate to a greater extent in case we don’t get enough revenue from fees.</p> <p>Our reserves and campgrounds are not likely to get as much revenue as before. There will be fewer tourists travelling through our district as a result of COVID-19 so we propose to use the general rate to support these activities.</p>	All ratepayers as everyone pays the general rate. There will be some future fee increases for Cemeteries for the cemetery extension



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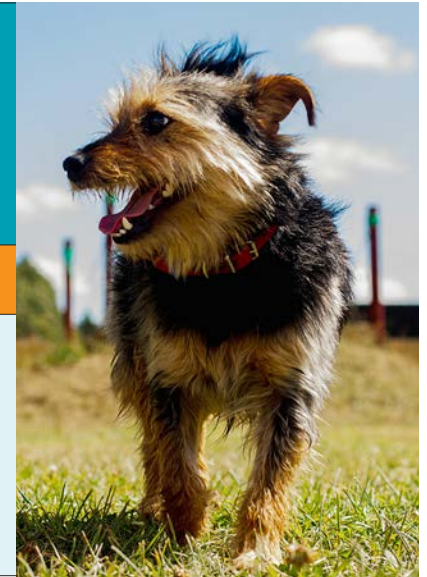
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Other changes

Regulatory Services activities:

- Alcohol Licensing and Gambling Venue Consenting
- Animal Control
- Building Regulation
- District Plan and Planning

Current policy	Proposed policy	Why?	Who is affected?
Various – we use fees and charges as much as possible and some fees are set by statute	Include a 'funding range' to account for loss of revenue by increasing the general rate component	COVID-19 will impact on the amount of revenue we get from Regulatory Services. We don't know what the extent of this will be so we propose including a funding 'buffer' in case we don't get enough revenue from fees.	All ratepayers as everyone pays the general rate and UAGC. We are not proposing significant fee increases



We think about who benefits from each individual Council service when deciding who should pay. This could be an individual, a certain group of ratepayers, or the whole district

- Leen Braam, Councillor Ashburton Ward



This policy is part of our Long-Term Plan which sets the 10 year strategic vision for the district. We want to hear your views on the policy before including it in the Long-Term Plan to make sure we have got it right

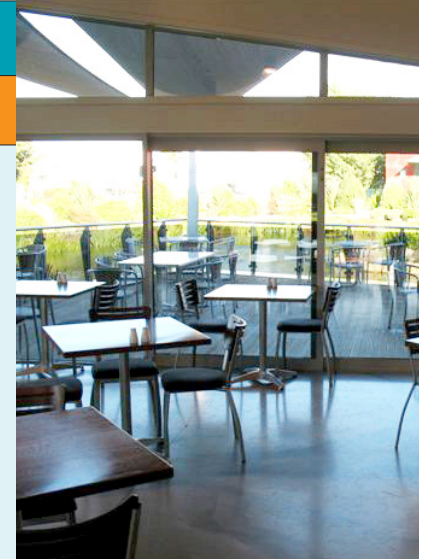
- Carolyn Cameron, Councillor Ashburton Ward



Other changes

Environmental Health

Current policy	Proposed policy	Why?	Who is affected?
<p>Funded as one activity which includes both licensing and monitoring/enforcement</p> <p>80% UAGC 20% fees and charges</p>	<p>Splitting this activity into two to represent the different beneficiaries:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Licensing (private benefit) 2. Monitoring and Enforcement (public benefit) 	<p>There is a clear private benefit for those requiring environmental health licenses. Whereas, the protection of public health in general has a clear public benefit. We think it is fair to charge individuals benefitting separately.</p>	<p>All ratepayers as everyone pays the general rate, and those who pay fees and charges for Environmental Health. We are not proposing significant fee increases.</p>



Youth Council

Current policy	Proposed policy	Why?	Who is affected?
<p>100% general rate</p>	<p>100% UAGC</p>	<p>We think it is fair to charge all ratepayers equally through the UAGC as everyone receives an equal benefit from the Youth Council.</p>	<p>All ratepayers as everyone pays the UAGC but the impact is likely to be minimal.</p>





Have your say on Our Place

***We want
to hear
from YOU!***

We want to know what you think of the draft policy. You can provide your feedback by completing the submission form in the back of this document, or online at ashburtondc.govt.nz/haveyoursay.

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Exploring the key changes in detail

Elderly Persons Housing

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

We have around 100 EPH units which we rent out to residents over 65 years of age who meet eligibility criteria. These are in seven complexes spread throughout Ashburton, Methven and Rakaia. The units provide self-contained, one bedroom accommodation for tenants. Council looks after the lawns for tenants, and also helps many tenants with social services like going to the bank or liaising with budget advice and social workers etc. We are more than just a landlord in this respect, and many of our tenants rely on the well-being support we provide.

We aim to keep the rent at an affordable level as the units are there to provide housing for those in need. However, unfortunately our current funding model is unsustainable and we predict reserves will run out in a couple of years. We know that many of the units require upgrades to meet basic standards. There will be a funding shortfall; and we will need to increase rents and look to other means to ensure funds.

Our plan for the next ten years is to increase rent by an initial average amount of around \$10 per week for existing tenants and a more realistic rental for refurbished units.

A forecast of work required to bring the 100 units up to a suitable standard over the next 10 years shows that there will be a shortfall of funding with the need

to provide additional funding from rates. In order to minimise this rents must be increased initially by an average of \$10 per week. As rents progressively increase the rate requirement is likely to decrease.

WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS?

Option One – Do nothing

Doing nothing means we wouldn't be able to maintain the units to an acceptable standard unless we increase the rent significantly. We don't support this option as we want to make sure the units are affordable. The only advantage is that no general rate contribution would be required. But the disadvantage of the units being unaffordable outweighs this.

Option Two – Support EPH with the general rate (our preferred option)

We see this as the only feasible option as the units require maintenance and upgrading to meet basic standards. As a Council we have a responsibility to support the well-being of all residents in the district and if we are to provide EPH units we need to make sure they are affordable, accessible and safe for our older residents. The disadvantage is that all ratepayers must support EPH for around ten years through the general rate. We did consider using the UAGC for this activity but we are in a position where the UAGC is close to the legal limit therefore the general rate is the only option.

How does this affect my rates bill?

If your property is worth more, you will pay more to support EPH under the proposal. Our annual estimates are based on property CV:

- \$350,000 = \$2-3
- \$700,000 = \$5-7
- \$1,000,000 = \$7-10
- \$5,000,000 = \$35-45
- \$10,000,000 = \$70-90



Exploring the key changes in detail

Stockwater Management

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

Council owns and operates a stockwater network that includes 2,058km of water races. The stockwater service enables the economic and efficient farming of stock in the district. There are around 1,400 properties paying a stockwater rate of some type. These range from nearly \$90 to around \$6,700 annually. The average amount paid annually is around \$700. We charge based on which 'stockwater services' are received but due to changes in farming practices it is difficult for us to maintain our records for services. We suggest we get rid of these individual charges for services.

We know there are some people who pay for Stockwater but don't use it as they get stockwater from other sources. We understand these properties do not want to pay for something they are not using, but there is a process in place for race closures under the Surface Water Strategy.

The problem in a nutshell is about coming up with a fair way to charge for Stockwater. We think having a more equitable approach will help make sure that those using the service are paying their fair share. Larger properties pay the majority share of providing stockwater yet are the least likely to use it. We think it is fair that everyone pays a little more to reduce the cost for these properties.

WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS?

The options we considered are based on obtaining the same amount of revenue. We have developed some options based on the current year budget required for Stockwater. This is to give you an idea about what the cost may be, but will differ depending on the budget required each year.

Option One – Status quo

We could leave the charging structure as is but this will mean that properties with longer race lengths will continue paying a significant amount for something they do not want or use. There are no advantages to this option. The main disadvantage is that properties with longer race lengths are supporting properties with shorter lengths. We don't think this is fair or a sustainable way to charge.

Option Two – Apply a fixed charge to all properties (our preferred option)

We recommend applying a fixed charge of around \$600 per property as this helps share the cost of providing stockwater and is priced competitively with other providers. We would apply a per metre cost of approx. \$0.1665 per metre over 1,000 metres (note this figure has been modelled using best available information but is subject to change depending on the budget required to provide Stockwater). This option may encourage users to explore alternative sources of water, which could lead to more race closures. The main advantage of this option is that

How does this affect my rates bill?

If you pay a stockwater rate, under the preferred option you can expect to pay at least \$600 per year. The maximum amount paid would be approx. \$2,500. 61% of properties would face an increase at an average of around \$370 and 39% a decrease at an average of around \$580.

What is the minimum charge?

The minimum charge is the charge applied to a length of stockwater race running through a property. Our current minimum charge is applied to race lengths of <161m (the minimum race length)

If a property has more than 161 metres of race, then they are charged the minimum charge + an additional charge per metre.

If a property has less than 161 metres of race, then they are charged the minimum charge amount.

Our proposed option is to implement a 'fixed charge' where everyone pays \$600, plus an additional per metre cost for properties with over 1,000 metres of race.

Exploring the key changes in detail

the charging structure more closely reflects those who are benefiting. This is called the 'user pays principle' and we apply it to several activities across Council. The disadvantage is that there will be a large increase for around 61% of properties, at an average of around \$370. However, if we are to continue providing stockwater it is important that we all pay our fair share.

Option Three – Apply an equal charge to all properties

Another option we considered was applying an equal charge to all properties of around \$700. This would result in an increase for 65% of properties and decrease for 35%. There would be no per metre charge applied as everyone would pay the same regardless of the length of race travelling through a property. We don't think this is a good option as having a longer length of race does provide the additional benefits of flood protection and firefighting capability.

Want to know more?

We are holding an online Zoom session Stockwater Rate Q&A at 7:30pm on Tuesday 7 July. Contact Council to register.



Wastewater

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

We have three community-based wastewater schemes located in Ashburton, Methven and Rakaia servicing approximately 64% of residents. Ashburton Contracting Limited covers the operations and maintenance. The condition of the Wastewater assets varies scheme to scheme, and as such, maintenance is required at different times.

We currently charge for Wastewater based on which scheme a property is connected to. This allows us to charge users based on the level of maintenance and upgrades required per scheme. However, this is a different approach to how we charge for Drinking Water where all connected properties share the cost evenly and pay around \$450 per year. We think this same principle is relevant for Wastewater so we are proposing to apply an equal charge of around \$420 for each property receiving the Wastewater service. Note this figure has been calculated using best available information but is subject to change depending on the budget required to provide Wastewater in any given year.

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WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS?

Option One – pay according to scheme (status quo)

Our current method of charging, which depends on which scheme a property is connected to, allows us to charge based on location. This supports the user pays principle but is not consistent with how we charge for Drinking Water.

Option Two – everyone pays the same (our preferred option)

We think sharing the cost by applying a group rate is a fair approach. This means that no matter where you live in the district, you will pay the same amount for wastewater services. An advantage of this approach is that it enables the schemes to support each other. For instance, if one scheme requires an upgrade then instead of charging only those connected to that particular scheme, the cost is shared across all Wastewater customers. This approach aligns with

how we charge for Drinking Water. The disadvantage of this approach is that there will be increases for Methven and Rakaia properties. The Methven increase will be around \$150 per property per year and Rakaia increase around \$30 per year. Ashburton properties would save around \$30 per year.

For those that live in Rakaia...

Some properties in Rakaia chose to pay a lump sum contribution towards the wastewater loan. Rakaia ratepayers connected to Wastewater will pay the standard group rate, and the ratepayers who still owe a portion of the Wastewater loan will have an additional loan rate on top of the group rate.

How does this affect my rates bill?

All properties paying for Wastewater would pay around \$420 per year under our preferred option. Ashburton properties would pay around \$30 less, Methven would pay around \$150 more and Rakaia around \$30 more.

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Summary of rating requirements

A summary of the rating requirements of all Council activities under this policy is shown in the following tables.

Local Infrastructure ■ The activities which have changes are shown in red.

DISTRICT WATER MANAGEMENT	UAGC	General Rate	Targeted Rate (CV)	Targeted Rate (UAC)	Fees & Charges
Drinking Water				100%	
Wastewater				100%	
Stormwater		10%	90%		
Stockwater Management		10%		90%	
TRANSPORTATION					
Roads			90-100%		0-10%
Footpaths and Cycleways		30%	70%		
WASTE REDUCTION & RECOVERY					
Solid Waste Collection				100%	
Solid Waste Management		40%			60%

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Summary of rating requirements

Public Services

 The activities which have changes are shown in red.

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE & DECISION-MAKING	UAGC	General Rate	Targeted Rate (CV)	Targeted Rate (UAC)	Fees & Charges
Community Grants and Funding	100%				
Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee		100%			
Council and Youth Council	100%				
Methven Community Board				100%	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
Business & Economic Development		100%			
Commercial Property and Forestry	Contribution to general rate and UAGC	Contribution to general rate and UAGC			
District Promotion (Tourism)		50%	50%		

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Summary of rating requirements

Recreation and community services

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COMMUNITY SERVICES	UAGC	General Rate	Targeted Rate (CV)	Targeted Rate (UAC)	Fees & Charges
Elderly Persons Housing		0-30%			70-100%
Public Conveniences	80%		20%		
Community Safety (CCTV & security)	50%			50%	
Memorial Halls and Reserve Boards			100%		
Reserves and Campgrounds		65-75%			25-35%
PARKS AND OPEN SPACES					
Cemeteries		20-40%			60-80%
Rural Beautification		50%	50%		
Urban Beautification (including Ashburton Domain)		50%	50%		
RECREATION FACILITIES					
Ashburton Library	100%				
Ashburton Museum	100%				
EA Networks Centre	60-80%				20-40%



Covid 19 has, and will continue to have, an impact on our district. We have considered this when deciding how to fund our activities and services

- Lynette Lovett,
Councillor Eastern Ward

Summary of rating requirements

 The activities which have changes are shown in red.

REGULATORY SERVICES	UAGC	General Rate	Targeted Rate (CV)	Targeted Rate (UAC)	Fees & Charges
Alcohol Licensing & Gambling Venue Consenting		20-25%			75-80%
Animal Control		5-15%			85-95%
Building Regulation		10-20%			80-90%
District Planning (including Land Information)		20-40%			60-80%
District Plan (policy and development)		100%			
Environmental Health – Monitoring and Enforcement (new)		100%			
Environmental Health – Licensing (new)		10-15%			85-90%
Emergency Management	50%	50%			
Parking					100%

Your views on the proposed Revenue & Financing Policy are important to us, and we encourage you to make a submission

- Stuart Wilson, Councillor Eastern Ward



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Changes to the rating boundaries

Lake Hood development – Village Green

During the last review of this policy, we determined that it was important Lake Hood properties were rated for the Ashburton Urban Amenity Rate. There has been some development at Lake Hood in the Village Green subdivision; we propose including this area in the Lake Hood water supply (connected/serviceable) boundary, Lake Hood Wastewater boundary, Lake Hood refuse collection area, and the Ashburton urban amenities maps. This means these properties will be rated in line with other Lake Hood properties. There is an area surrounding the new subdivision which is rurally zoned and the boundary extension is not proposed to include this area.

Please refer to the Revenue & Financing Policy Maps, which are available at [ashburtondc.govt.nz/haveyoursay](https://www.ashburtondc.govt.nz/haveyoursay) for details of the changes.

Group Water Supply and Wastewater

We propose amending the rating boundaries for Water Supply and Wastewater to reflect new services areas and to encompass Residential D areas anticipating future network extensions by either private development or by Council. This a future-proofing step which enables these areas to receive the service and aligns with existing zone boundaries. The changes proposed include:

- Hinds Water – we propose to amend the boundary to match the extent of the Residential D zone south of Bennett Street between Hinds Arundel Road and Peters Street.
- Methven Water – we propose to encompass the new Thyme Stream subdivision on Sam Holmes Drive, the development in the Business D zone on Line Road, and match the extent of the Residential D zone in the West from Pudding Hill Road through to Methven Highway.
- Methven Wastewater – we propose to amend the boundary to take in the development in the Business D zone on Line Road, and the Residential D zoned area near the corner of Line Road and Dolma Street.

- Rakaia Water - we propose the boundary encompasses the extent of the Residential D zone west of West Town Belt between Hardys Road and Normanby Road and the Business E zone south of South Town Belt between Thompsons Track and Burrowes Road.
- Rakaia Wastewater - we propose modifying the boundary to encompass the extent of the Residential C zone to the west of West Town Belt and Business E Zone south of South Town Belt between Thompsons Track and Burrowes Road.

It is important we update our rating boundaries to align with new subdivisions. This ensures we are ready to provide and rate for services these new areas will receive

- Liz McMillan, Deputy Mayor and Councillor Western Ward



Solid Waste Collection

Since this service was introduced in 2017, it has been a success by helping residents dispose of waste in a sustainable and easy way. As the district grows and new land is developed for residential and lifestyle living, we propose to extend the wheelie bin area of service to properties in new subdivisions and areas outside our current kerbside collection boundaries. We propose to extend this service to 162 properties with the service beginning in July 2021.

The cost is estimated to be around \$230.00 per household (based on the 2020/21 rating year). All households receiving the service are charged the same amount. It is not an opt or opt out service. The cost is shared among those who receive the service in order to keep the price low. We have sent a letter to everyone who would receive this service under the proposal but we encourage you to have a look at the supporting information at ashburtondc.govt.nz/haveyoursay

Proposed new collection area	Number of properties
Willowby Block	120
Laing's Road	4
Melrose Road	3
Chertsey - Wilkinson's Road	9
Rakaia - Acton Road	6
Methven - Sam Holmes Drive	16
Lake Hood - Village Green	4
Total	162

The maps in the next pages show the proposed extension areas.

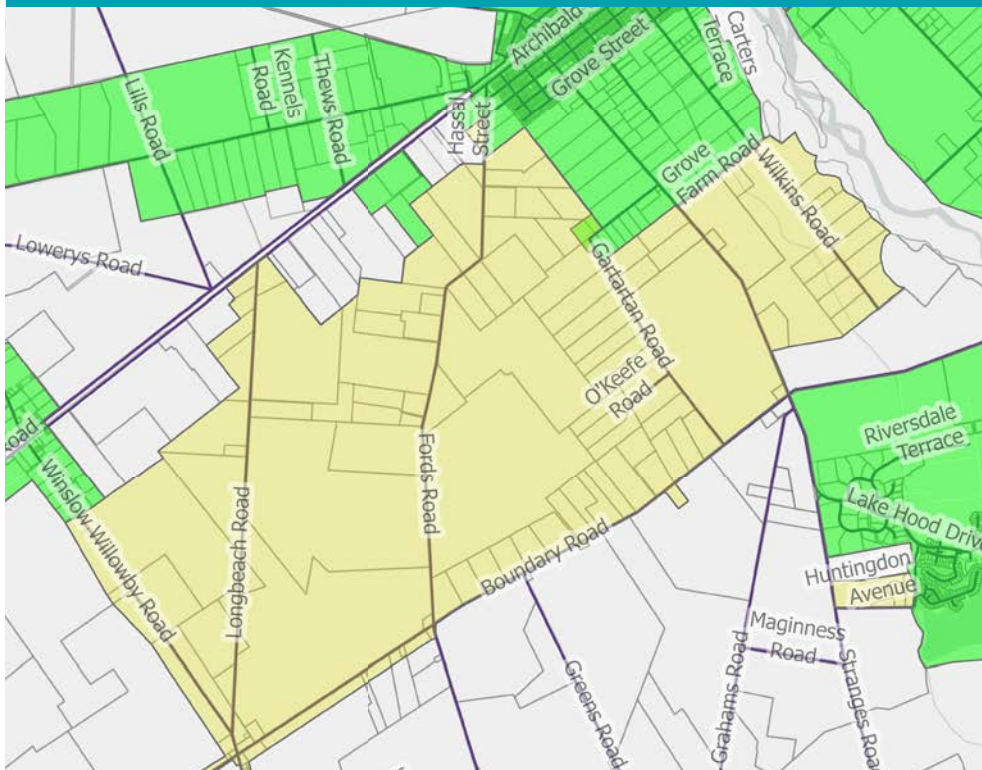
Rating boundaries define who is charged for certain things the Council provides. We have urban and rural amenity boundaries, where all properties within those boundaries are charged. We also have targeted rate areas where only properties receiving a service within the defined area are charged

- John Falloon, Councillor Ashburton Ward



Maps of proposed extension areas

Willowby Block



Laing's Road

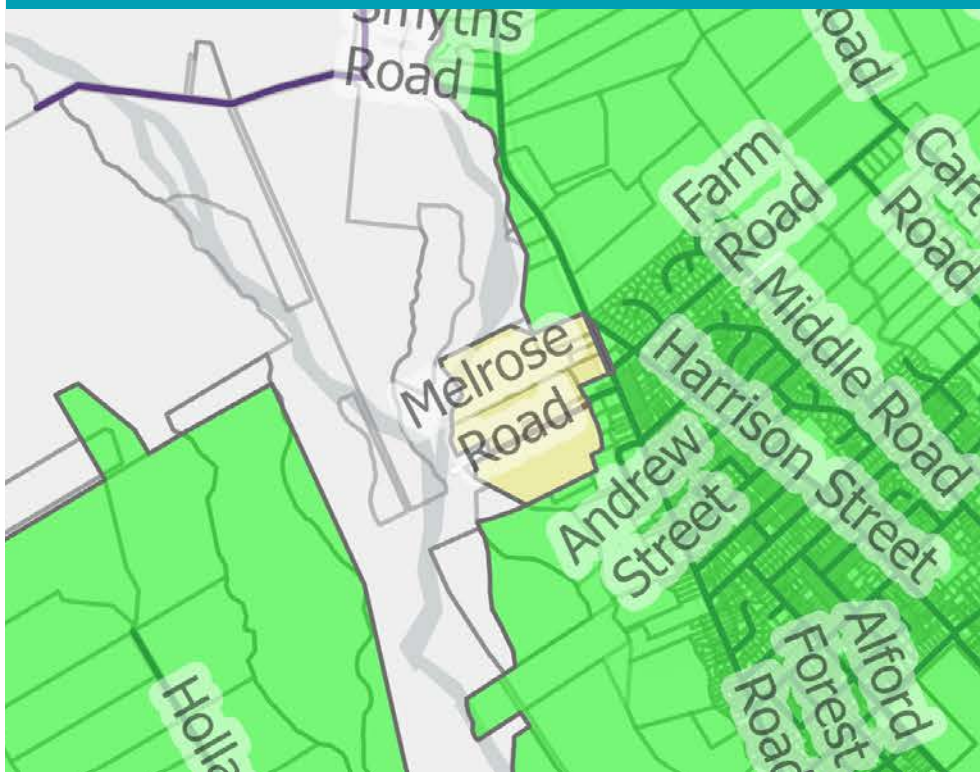


New proposed area

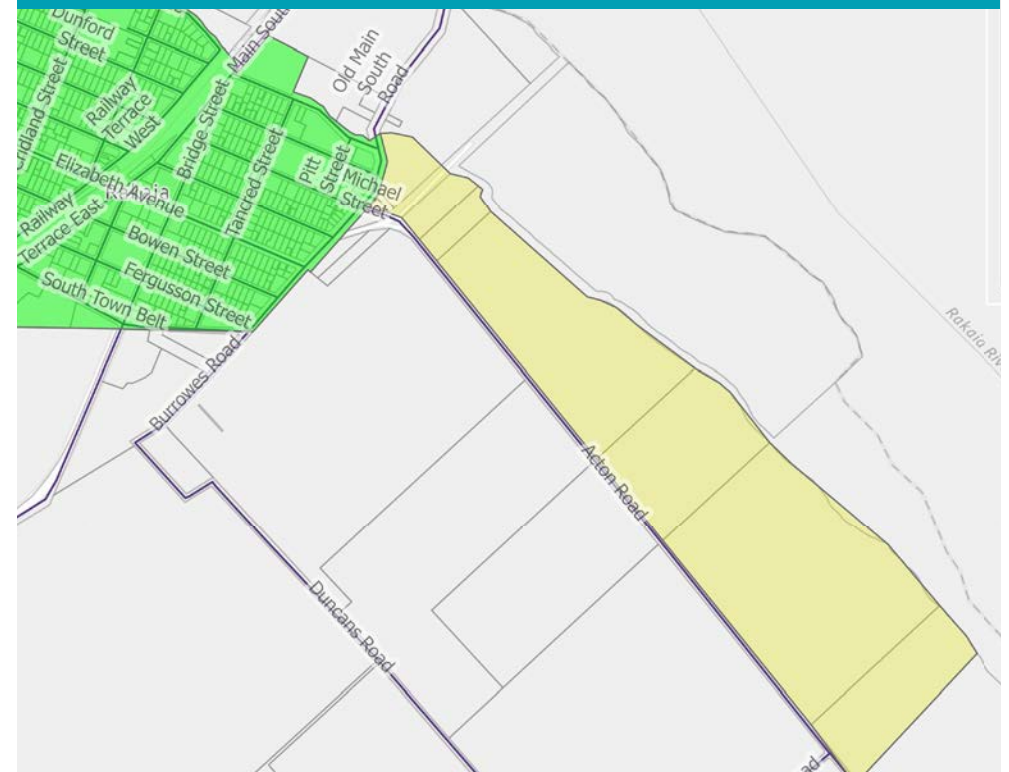
Current area

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Melrose Road



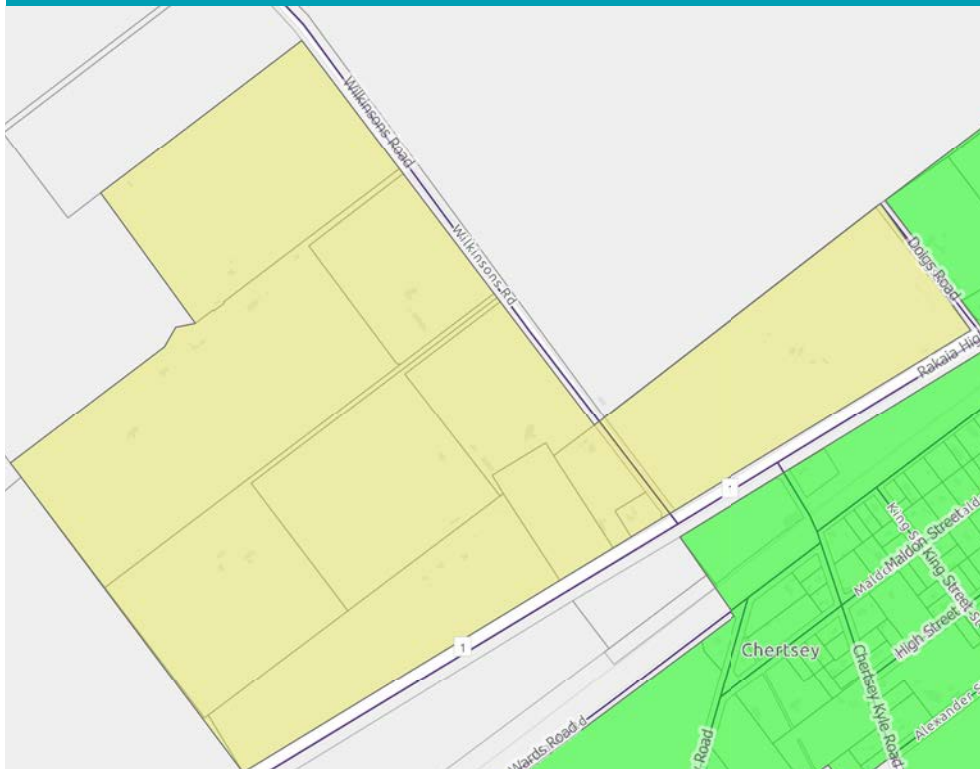
Rakaia – Acton Road



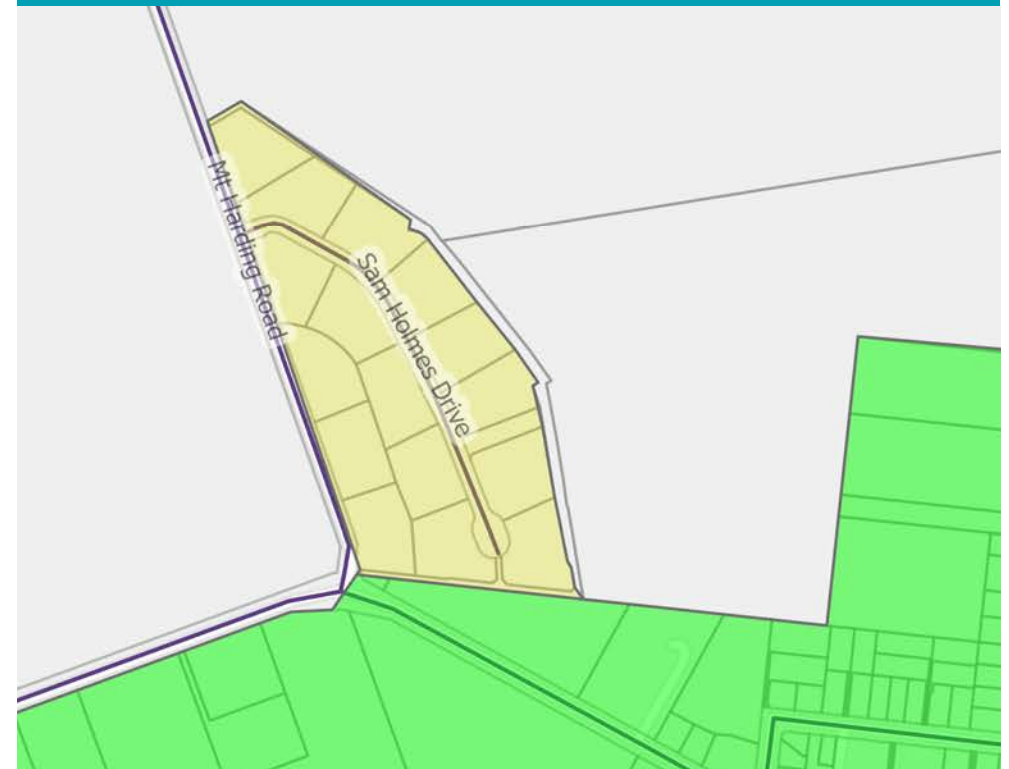
 New proposed area  Current area

Maps of proposed extension areas

Chertsey – Wilkinson's Road



Methven – Thyme Stream



New proposed area Current area

Maps of proposed extension areas

Lake Hood – Village Green



New proposed area

Current area



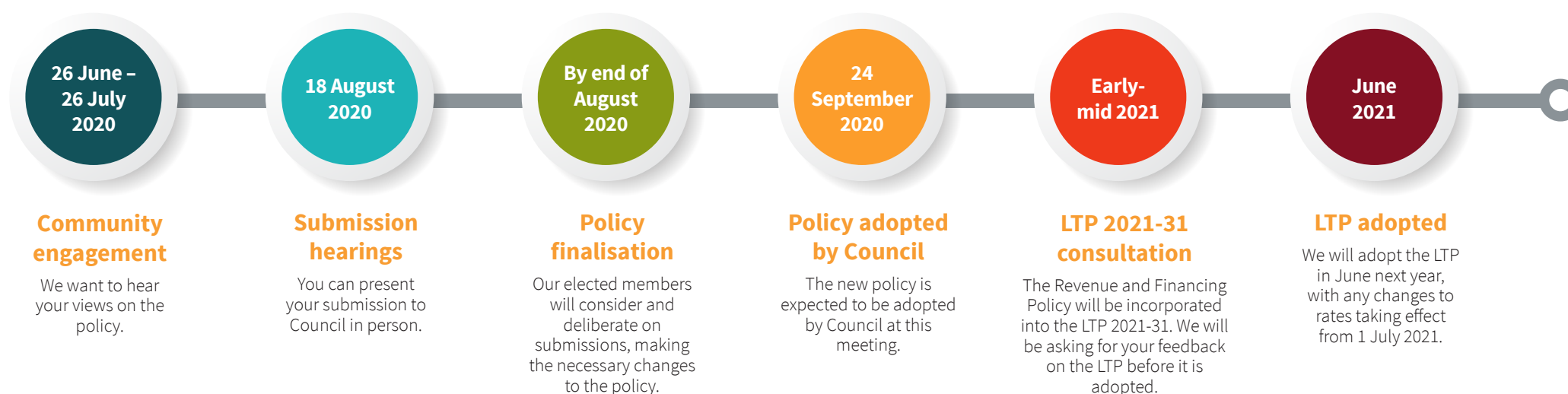
We are proposing a number of extensions to our refuse collection areas. We want to offer refuse collection to more areas of the district as we know how much our residents rely on the service

- Diane Rawlinson, Councillor
Ashburton Ward

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What happens next?


Timeframe and development process



The easiest way to provide your feedback is to complete the form online at ashburtondc.govt.nz/haveyoursay

Alternatively, you can provide feedback by filling in the attached submission form and getting it back to us using one of the following methods:

 **FREEPOST TO**
Ashburton District Council
Our Place
Freepost 230444
PO Box 94
Ashburton 7740

 **IN PERSON**
Dropping it off at:
- Ashburton District Council reception – 5 Baring Square West
- Ashburton Museum
- Ashburton Public Library

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submissions@adc.govt.nz

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You can submit on any or all of the questions below. You don't have to complete every question.

Key changes

1. Elderly Persons Housing Which option do you support for Elderly Persons Housing?

- ☐ Option One – Increase rent significantly to meet upgrade requirements (status quo)
- ☐ Option Two – Introduce a general rate component of 0-30% and increase rent by around \$10 per week (our preferred option)
- ☐ Neither of these

Why?

2. Stockwater Management Which option do you support for Stockwater Management?

- ☐ Option One – Set a minimum charge and a per metre rate (status quo)
- ☐ Option Two – Fixed cost of \$600 per property and a per metre rate (our preferred option)
- ☐ Option Three – Equal charge per property of around \$700
- ☐ None of these

Why?

3. Wastewater Which option do you support for Wastewater?

- ☐ Option One – Charge based on property location (status quo)
- ☐ Option Two – Equal charge per property (around \$420) (our preferred option)
- ☐ Neither of these

Why?

4. We are proposing other changes to Community Grants and Funding, EA Networks Centre, Memorial Halls and Reserve Boards, Community Services, Regulatory Services, Environmental Health, and Youth Council.
Do you have any views on how we propose to fund these activities?

Rating boundary changes

5. Do you support the proposed extensions for Solid Waste collection throughout the district? Why/why not?

6. Do you support the boundary changes for Water Supply and Wastewater to align with zone areas and to account for the services which the Village Green, Lake Hood subdivision will receive in the future?

7. Do you have any further comments?



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**Have your
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Please note, all submissions are public documents and
will be made available on Council's website with the
names of submitters included.

If you are completing this submission on behalf of
others, please name the group or organisation. Only one
submission per group/organisation will be accepted.

If you need, please attach additional information.

Your details

First name: _____ Last name: _____

Organisation (if appropriate): _____

Street number: _____ Street name: _____ Postcode: _____

Suburb / Town / RD: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing?

(If no boxes are ticked, it will be considered that you do not wish to be heard)

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Yes: Hearings are expected to be held in the Council
Chamber, 131 Havelock Street on Tuesday 18 August 2020.

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No: I do not wish to speak in support of my
submission and ask that the following written
submission be fully considered.

Signature: _____

Date: _____