
KAIKOURA DISTRICT COUNCIL

REVENUE & FINANCING POLICY

Objective

TO PROVIDE THE FUNDING MECHANISMS TO ENSURE THE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF COSTS TO THOSE WHO BENEFIT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY OF THE ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN.

Financial Management

The Kaikoura District Council will ensure that each year's projected revenues are set at a level sufficient to meet that year's projected operating expenses.

The Kaikoura District Council will manage its revenues, expenses, assets, liabilities, investments, and general financial dealings prudently and in a manner that promotes the current and future interests of the community.

The Kaikoura District Council will make adequate and effective provision to meet the expenditure needs of the district, which have been identified in its Long-Term Council Community Plan, and in its Annual Plan where applicable.

In determining the sources of funding which will be used, in relation to each activity to be funded, Council has considered;

- (a) The community outcomes to which the activity contributes; and
- (b) The distribution of benefits between the community as a whole, any identifiable part of the community, and individuals; and
- (c) The period over which those benefits are likely to occur; and
- (d) The extent to which the actions (or inaction) of any individual or group may contribute to the need to undertake the activity; and
- (e) The costs and benefits of funding the activity from other activities

Appendix A is a summary of Council's considerations on these matters.

Having considered the most appropriate sources of funding in relation to each activity, Council has then considered 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.

Funding of Operating Expenses

Council's policies and practices as regards the funding of its operating expenses are set to ensure that it complies with applicable legislation and generally accepted accounting practice.

In general terms it will use a mix of revenue sources to meet operating expenses, with major sources being general rates, targeted rates, subsidies, and fees and charges. Council recognises that there are certain circumstances that may allow it to seek alternative sources of funding, and these alternatives will be explored wherever possible.

The following sources of revenue are applied to the council's activities:

Significant Activities	General Rates	Targeted Rates	Fees & Charges	Grants & Subsidies	Interest & Other
Governance	✓	✓			
Civil Defence	✓			✓	
Building Control	✓		✓		
Environmental Health	✓		✓		
District Planning	✓	✓	✓		
Statutory Planning	✓		✓		
Environmental Planning	✓			✓	
Dog & Stock Control	✓		✓		
Recreational Reserves & Playgrounds	✓	✓			
Sports Fields	✓	✓	✓		
Cemetery	✓	✓	✓		
Property	✓		✓		
Traffic Control	✓		✓		
Coastal Management	✓			✓	
Stormwater		✓			
Sewerage		✓	✓		
Water Supply – Urban		✓	✓		
Water Supply – Rural		✓	✓		
Roading	✓			✓	
Footpaths	✓			✓	
Refuse & Recycling	✓	✓			
Harbour Activities	✓	✓	✓		✓
Library	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Town Centre & Public Toilets	✓		✓		
Airfield	✓		✓		
Swimming Pool	✓				

Funding of Capital Expenses

Council's policies and practices as regards the funding of its capital expenditure are set to ensure that it complies with applicable legislation and generally accepted accounting practice.

In general terms it will use a mix of funding sources to meet capital expenditure, with major sources being targeted rates, financial/development contributions, borrowings, reserves (particularly depreciation reserves) and funding assistance such as grants and subsidies. However funding from general rates is applied to specific activities, such as roading.

Significant Activities	Rates	Financial/ Development Contributions	Borrowings	Reserves	Grants & Subsidies
District Planning	✓		✓	✓	
Dog & Stock Control	✓			✓	✓
Recreational Reserves & Playgrounds	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sports Fields	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cemetery	✓	✓		✓	✓
Property	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Traffic Control	✓		✓	✓	✓
Coastal Management	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Stormwater	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sewerage	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Water Supply – Urban	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Water Supply – Rural	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Roading	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Footpaths	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Refuse & Recycling	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Harbour Activities	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Library	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Town Centre & Public Toilets	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Airfield	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Swimming Pool	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓