



## **PROPOSED FUTURE CHANGES TO THE DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS POLICY**

Amendments to the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) make changes to how development contributions may be recovered. The following explains how the Christchurch City Council plans to amend its 2015 Development Contributions Policy (the Policy) to give effect to three areas of LGA change.

### 1. Purpose and principles for development contributions

The Council proposes to include the development contributions purpose and principles from the LGA in the Policy and highlight links to these within the document and policy application.

An important proposal that relates to the principles is to introduce a different arrangement of catchments for development contributions. This aims to allocate the costs of infrastructure more directly to developments creating the demand for it and away from those that are not. It will also reduce the number of district-wide catchment charges.

### 2. New definition of community infrastructure

The Council must now limit the community infrastructure activities it collects development contributions for to community centres and halls, play equipment on neighbourhood parks and public toilets. The Policy will be reviewed to reflect this and include the following:

*Community centres and halls:* The draft 2015 capital programme has not identified any growth-related capital expenditure projects for community centres or halls. However, the Council reserves the right to add these should any be identified in future Annual Plans.

*Public toilets and play equipment on neighbourhood parks:* Public toilets or playground equipment in neighbourhood parks are included in the development of sports or neighbourhood parks. The Council proposes to continue managing these activities in this way and will explain the reasons for this in the Policy.

*Activities not to be collected under community infrastructure:* The Policy will be revised to show that development contributions are no longer collected for cemeteries.

### 3. Inability to charge development contributions for reserves from non-residential development

The Policy will be revised to reflect that development contributions can no longer be collected for reserves from non-residential developments.

The detail of these proposed changes is available on the Council website <http://www.ccc.govt.nz/homeliving/goaheadbuildingplanningSoo/feesandcharges-so8/developmentcontributions-so8-01.aspx> or may be requested at Council libraries and service centres.

The Council will consult the public about these changes as part of formal community engagement on the full draft Policy early next year.

Further information can be requested by calling the Council's Call Centre on 941-8999 or for Banks Peninsula 0800 800 169.