



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

11th April 2006

DCS5	COUNCIL POLICY – DONATIONS, GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES
FILE: 126	WMS {Folio No. *}

SUMMARY:

Reporting on proposed minor amendments to Council Policy C21.7 "Donations, Grants and Subsidies."



DESCRIPTION:

It is proposed that some minor amendments be made to Council Policy C21.7 "Donations, Grants and Subsidies" to bring it into line with the Local Government Act, 1993.

A copy of the proposed amended Policy is attached at [\(Appendix E\)](#).

The changes can be summarised as –

- i) the term "General Rate" now referred to as "Ordinary Rate".
- ii) the donation to the Kempsey Macleay RSL Sub Branch previously incorrectly shown as 100% of Ordinary Rate only. The Sub Branch has always received 100% of all rates and access charges, and relates to an agreement with Council dating back to 1990.
- iii) Clause 6 of the old Policy refers to Public Halls rateable for sewerage being charged the amount payable for non-rateable properties. With the introduction of "user pays" sewer charges based on water meter sizes and usage, the non-rateable charge is no longer in use. The wording of the Policy is therefore proposed to be changed to "That Public Halls rateable for sewerage be charged the access charge based on the size of the water meter".

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

Nil

- *Social*

Nil

- *Economic (Financial)*

Those Public Halls with less than 3 Water Closets (WC's) will incur increased sewerage charges, whilst those with 4 WC's or more will receive a reduction in sewerage charges.

- *Policy or Statutory*

The recommendation proposes minor amendments to a Council Policy.

- *Director's Review*

The amendments have been approved by MANEX.

The recommendation is supported.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the minor amendments to Council Policy C21.7 "Donations, Grants and Subsidies" be adopted.

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