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MEETING: FINANCE COMMITTEE – NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

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Executive Summary

The purpose of the report is to provide quarterly reporting to Northland Regional Council on action to collect current rates and rate arrears, and to provide information on how collection is tracking against targets.

1) Background:

This document has been prepared to highlight the actions taken by Far North District Council to manage the collection of the Northland Regional Council's rates and to reduce the monies outstanding. This report is prepared as at the end of the first quarter of the financial year 2018/19.

2) Discussion and options

- During the past quarter the team have continued to
 - Audit existing collection types to ensure minimum repayments are being met.
 - Increase phone communications with those in arrears with no collection type in place.
 - Review accounts with collection agencies to ensure any long-standing arrears are brought back to Council's debt collection team to proceed with the next appropriate course of action e.g. abandoned land or legal collection processes.
- The ongoing promotion of the Internal Affairs Rates Rebates Scheme in day to day communications with Ratepayers and regular meetings with relevant community organisations is another key focus.

3) Collection Data

A detailed analysis of arrears that identifies the debt by collection status is included in the following table.

Arrears Collection Type Analysis						
Collection Type	Arrears \$			% of collection type to Total debt to be collected		
	General Title	Maori Freehold Land	Total	General Title	Maori Freehold Land	Total
Direct Debits (repay arrears within 2 years - REP)	19,223	1,487	20,709	3%	0%	1%
Direct Debits other (not under REP)	11,002	15,844	26,846	2%	1%	1%
DMT Agreements to pay	22,538	266	22,805	3%	0%	1%
External Collection Agency	137,159	14,224	151,383	20%	1%	5%
Abandoned Land	30,720	0	30,720	4%	0%	1%
Legal	15,151	0	15,151	2%	0%	1%
Deceased	36,055	9,249	45,304	5%	0%	2%
Total under above arrangements	271,848	41,070	312,917	39%	2%	11%
Balance to be collected by Other means	425,718	2,066,706	2,492,425	61%	98%	89%
Total Debt to be collected	697,566	2,107,776	2,805,342	100%	100%	100%