

Representation



Users:	All residents
General Benefit:	Democracy

Rationale for assigning benefits

This service is fundamental to the function of the Council. The benefits of local government representation are entirely general and received by the community as a whole.

Other considerations

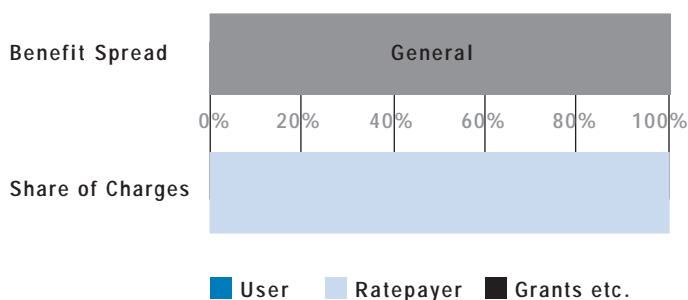
The cost of benefits are allocated proportionately between each ratepayer sector by capital value.

Representation is the service of the Christchurch City Council which enables residents to participate in the decisions which impact upon them. The service includes the election of members to sit on the Council and Community Boards; administrative, secretarial and research support for Councillors, Mayor and Community Boards, which includes the provision of policy advice.

This function also includes public accountability — publishing the Annual Plan and Annual Report to enable the public to assess the effectiveness and performance of the Council. It also includes on-going meetings and consultations with residents, and the monitoring of the Council's trading activities such as Southpower, Christchurch International Airport and the Lyttelton Port Company.

Representation and public accountability cost the City Council \$9.3 million annually.

Who should pay?



Who benefits?

