


## 18. RATING FOR 2003/04 – EXCESS WATER CHARGES FOR TENANTED RESIDENTIAL FLATS



The Director of Finance submitted a report advising the Committee of a ratepayer's request for a review of the Council's policy of applying excess water charges to certain tenanted residential properties. The ratepayer concerned had not accepted explanations provided by staff.

It has been the long-standing policy of the Council to apply excess water charges to all rating sectors apart from private residential ratepayers. However, because owners of rental properties are considered to be using the land for business purposes they are treated in the same way as other commercial ratepayers. Few landlords are affected by this charge and those who are pay only a modest amount because water supply has a low net cost.

The Committee **decided** that no change be made at this time to the current policy of charging for excess water on tenanted residential properties and noted that any ratepayer can object to the rating policy when it is promulgated in each Annual Plan consultation.