



WEST COAST
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WCRC rate strike paused

West Coast Regional Councillors have delayed setting rates for 2024-25.

Council did not strike rates when it adopted its Long-Term Plan 2024-2034 in June. This was due to councillors wanting to ensure they had Greymouth special rating district, and Westland valuation information, before they made their decision.

Council Chair Peter Haddock says the intention had been for rates to be struck at today's meeting.

"I withdrew the rates paper today as we've been presented with an opportunity to better correlate some of our financial information in the Long-term Plan," says Cr Haddock.

"I've requested staff be able to work on this immediately. Although this work may take several weeks it will be a worthwhile investment.

"It's a good opportunity for us to provide clarity on our financials for our community and also for the Government."

Cr Haddock says when staff have finished the work it will be presented to Council alongside the rates paper.

"It may mean WCRC rates invoices will be sent out a little later to ratepayers this year, but we'll give plenty of notice if this needs to happen."

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