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HASTINGS DISTRICT RURAL COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

Meeting Date: **Monday, 27 August 2012**

Time: **2.00pm**

Venue: **Landmarks Room
Ground Floor
Civic Administration Building
Lyndon Road East
Hastings**

Members	Chair: Mr P Kay Mr P Alexander, Mr P McNeill, Mrs S Maxwell Councillors Kerr (Deputy Chair) and Lester
Officer Responsible	Group Manager: Asset Management – David Fraser
Committee Secretary	Carolyn Hunt (Ext 5634)

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1. Apologies

At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.

2. Conflict of Interest

Members need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arises between their role as a Member of the Council and any private or other external interest they might have. This note is provided as a reminder to Members to scan the agenda and assess their own private interests and identify where they may have a pecuniary or other conflict of interest, or where there may be perceptions of conflict of interest.

If a Member feels they do have a conflict of interest, they should publicly declare that at the start of the relevant item of business and withdraw from participating in the meeting. If a Member thinks they may have a conflict of interest, they can seek advice from the Chief Executive or Group Manager Corporate & Customer Services (preferably before the meeting).

It is noted that while Members can seek advice and discuss these matters, the final decision as to whether a conflict exists rests with the member.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the Hastings District Rural Community Board held 28 May 2012.
(Previously circulated)

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REPORT TO: HASTINGS DISTRICT RURAL COMMUNITY BOARD

MEETING DATE: MONDAY 27 AUGUST 2012

FROM: PROJECT MANAGER: EXECUTIVE OFFICE
CHERYL PAGET
PRINCIPAL ADVISOR: INFRASTRUCTURE
CRAIG THEW

SUBJECT: RURAL BROADBAND INITIATIVE UPDATE

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to obtain a decision from the Board on the next steps to provide broadband and cell phone coverage in the rural areas of the District.
- 1.2 This issue arises from a request from the Chair to bring a report to this meeting on this issue, following an unsuccessful application to the Vodafone Community Cell Site Scheme, and information circulated at the last meeting about one private community cell phone tower supplier.
- 1.3 The Council is required to give effect to the purpose of local government as prescribed by Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002. That purpose includes the promotion of the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of communities. The Council seeks to meet this obligation and the achievement of community outcomes through the strategic objectives set out in the 2012-2022 Long Term Plan. The matters raised in this report relate to those elements of the strategic objectives identified in the following table.

Strategic Objectives	Achieved By
<i>Our economy</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Responsive Council services</i> 	Responding to the needs of the rural community for better cell phone and internet coverage.

- 1.4 This report concludes by recommending that Council and the rural community monitors and assesses what coverage the Government Rural Broadband Initiative (RBI) achieves, and that Rural Community Board members canvas their communities regarding another Vodafone Community Cell Site Scheme application.

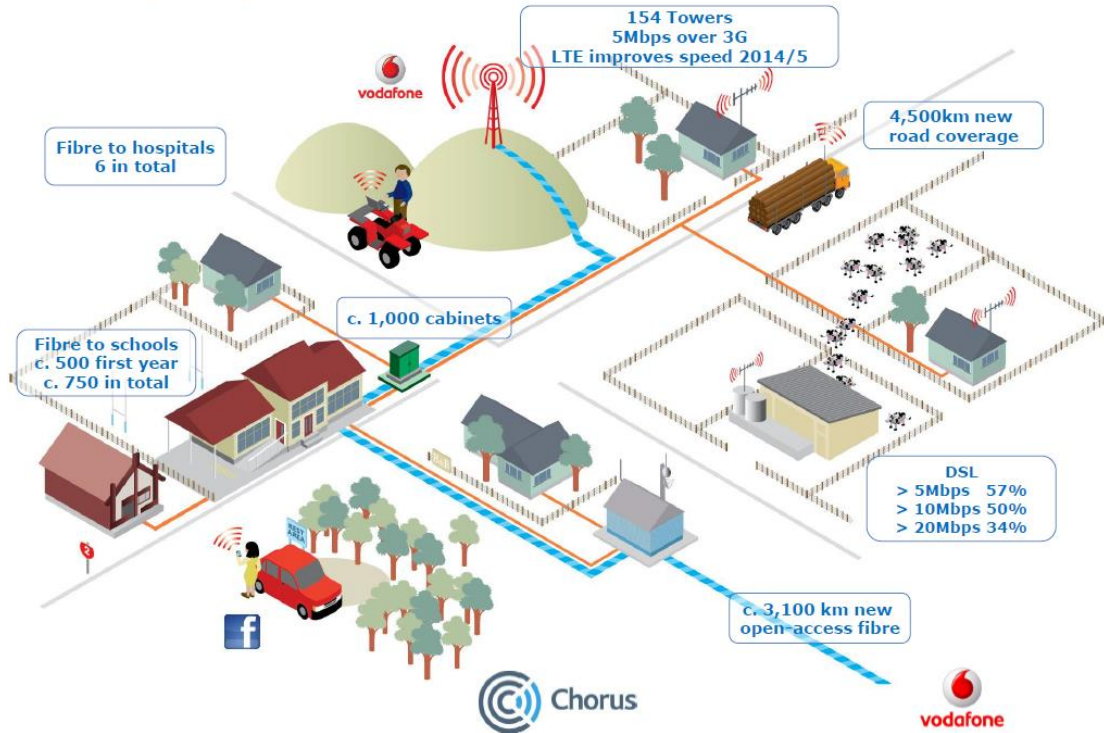
2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 **Rural Broadband Initiative (RBI)** In March 2010 the Minister for Communications and IT, announced the Government's final Rural Broadband Initiative (RBI) proposal and after asking for expressions of interest, a request for proposals for the RBI was issued in August 2010.
- 2.2 Telecom and Vodafone submitted a joint bid for the RBI in November 2010, which was shortlisted alongside 2 other bids in December 2010. In February 2011 the Government announced it would enter into commercial negotiations

with Telecom and Vodafone and a final agreement to deliver the RBI was accepted by the Government on 20 April 2011.

- 2.3 As a recap the RBI project is a combination of fibre installation (via Chorus) and wireless (via Vodafone). The proposed schematic provided by Chorus and Vodafone is shown below.

Recap: our joint rural broadband solution



- 2.4 A summary of broadband speeds and typical applications is shown in the table below

Broadband speeds at a glance	
1 Mbps	Email Online shopping Downloading audio & video files Web surfing Gaming
5Mbps	Stream video, music, podcasts Fast download of audio and video files Audio and low quality videoconferencing (e.g. Skype)
10Mbps	Stream HDTV broadcasts and DVD quality movies High quality (HD) video conferencing
20Mbps	Stream multiple HDTV broadcasts Stream 'blue-ray' quality DVD movies
100Mbps	Stream very high definition video Cloud computing and remote hosting E-Health (telepresence surgery, telehealth) E-Learning (video conferencing for distance learners)

- 2.5 By working together, Telecom and Vodafone are able to over-deliver on the RBI objectives in terms of broadband speed, coverage and service. Further, the companies' proposal extends mobile voice, SMS and data access where little or no service currently exists.

2.6 Telecom will build the fixed infrastructure and Vodafone will build the wireless towers.

2.7 Telecom

- Delivers schools objective
- Fibre to schools, hospitals and wireless sites
- Fast broadband (FTTN) extended deep into rural NZ
- Backhaul services over open-access fibre

2.8 Vodafone

- Delivers community objective
- Identifies sites, builds open-access towers and equips them with technology to deliver community coverage
- Manages tower co-location

2.9 Under this agreement with the Government, Vodafone and Telecom will build and deliver open-access (competitive) rural broadband infrastructure that delivers 100 Mbps fibre connections to approximately 730 rural schools and hospitals, and uses this as a backbone to provide 5Mbps fixed and wireless broadband to 80% + of rural homes.

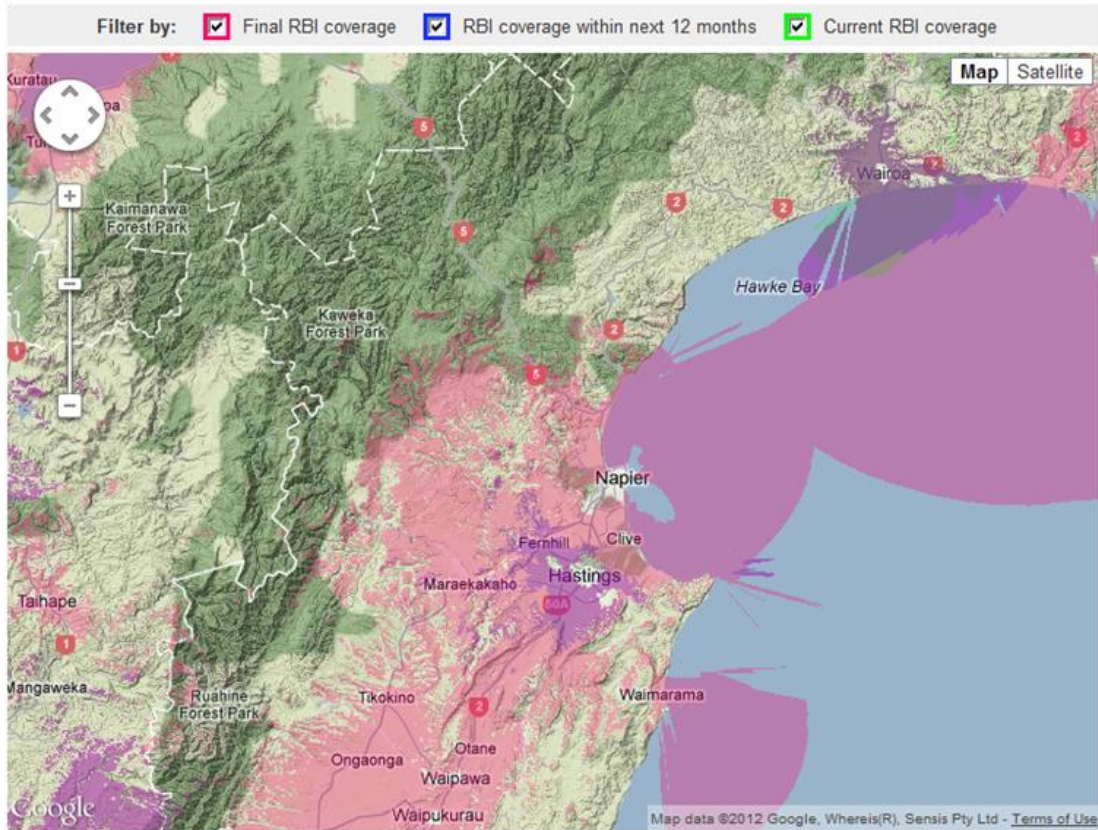
2.10 It will also give urban-like fixed line DSL broadband performance and choice to 57% of rural customers.

2.11 RBI: Key timings

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Rural schools connected	60%	75%	83%	91%	91%	91%
New Zealanders in RBI areas with access to fixed wireless broadband	25%	41%	56%	69%	77%	80%
New Zealanders in RBI areas with access to fixed broadband	27%	37%	45%	52%	57%	57%

NB: the project is now into Year 2.

2.12 This map (to be found at <http://www.vodafone.co.nz/about/media-centre/rural-broadband-initiative/coverage>) suggests that covering in the Hastings area is likely in the next 12 months.



The pink areas indicate the current forecasted coverage area by the completion of the RBI project, whilst the purple areas indicate the coverage expected to be available within 12 months.

- 2.13 **Vodafone Community Cell Site Scheme** In 2011 Vodafone called for applications from small rural communities not covered by Vodafone's network and outside the scope of the rural broadband initiative, to apply for improved mobile coverage in their local area.
- 2.14 They call for applications each year and are committed to building at least two sites in the following year, split between the North and South Islands. This scheme has been developed specifically for the small communities or those living in rural isolation that currently have no cell phone coverage.
- 2.15 Officers brought an informal item regarding the Vodafone Community Cell Site Scheme to the Rural Community Board meeting in late 2011. It was agreed to apply for a community tower for the Tutira area.
- 2.16 Officers assisted with an application to Vodafone, following the recommendations for application provided by Vodafone, which were to submit a simple application. In February 2012 Officers were made aware that the Tutira application had been unsuccessful. A follow-up conversation was held with Vodafone, who advised that the successful communities had submitted applications well in excess of that required, and had in fact, included information and research that the application had stated was not necessary.
- 2.17 **Private suppliers** At the last Rural Community Board meeting, members were made aware of a new wireless community tower scheme offered by a private supplier. Under this scheme, a tower is built for free if 10 people hook up to it, and the customers pay for installation at their homes, and for a monthly plan with a contract term.

- 2.18 There are likely to be other wireless broadband and cell phone providers with similar offers.

3.0 CURRENT SITUATION

- 3.1 **RBI status** The RBI project is now into Year 2 of a 6 year plan. Council officers attended a project update meeting held in Central Hawkes Bay on the 5th April 2012, with regional stakeholders, Chorus, Vodafone, and Nga Pu Waea. Overall the project is on schedule across the Hawkes Bay area. A copy of the presentation given can be found at <http://www.chorus.co.nz/rbi-year2-presentations#cs-7313>.
- 3.2 To increase wireless broadband (and cell phone) coverage Vodafone will be installing 4 new towers across Hawkes Bay (3 HDC, 1 CHBDC), and upgrading 17 existing cell sites.
- 3.3 From a Hastings District perspective Vodafone is progressing with early discussions for 3 candidate tower sites in the Patoka, Sherenden, and Maraekakaho North areas. The timeframe for the completion of these remains unchanged from Year 5 (2015/16) in the base programme.
- 3.4 Although the year 5 timing is a few years to wait it also may result in newer (higher performing) technology being installed. This has the potential to provide better coverage than currently forecast. In particular the potential to use the spectrum (700Mhz) historically used by broadcast TV. This spectrum is able to perform better in hilly terrain and over longer distances. This coupled with the next generation technologies (such as LTE or 4G) is likely to provide wider and faster coverage (e.g. Vodafone are achieving data speeds up to 50Mbps currently in Germany).
- 3.5 **Vodafone Community Cell Site Scheme** Vodafone will ask for applications again late in 2012 (dates yet to be announced) and the resulting cell sites will be built within the following 12 months. The focus of this scheme is on the 2% of households across NZ not serviced by the existing or proposed RBI coverage.
- 3.6 If the Rural Community Board wishes to submit another application to Vodafone in 2012, it will require significantly more time and commitment from Board members and the community to put together a bid likely to be successful. Officers can assist with the application, but it would need to be largely community driven, based on the feedback received after the first round of bids.
- 3.7 **Private suppliers** Individual members of the community are, naturally, entitled to go with any of the private supplier options, and may choose to do so, given the timescales for the RBI roll-out, and the uncertainty of a successful bid to Vodafone (via the community Cell scheme). This would involve private contracts, which Council would not become involved with. Officers could, if requested, investigate what other private options there are that Rural Community Board members could share with their community if they wish. Council could not endorse one supplier over another, and any information supplied to Board members would have to be on a without prejudice basis.

4.0 OPTIONS

- 4.1 (1) Reapply for Vodafone community cell scheme
- 4.2 (2) Investigate and compile private supplier options

- 4.3 (3) Wait and monitor the need as the RBI project is implemented across Hawkes Bay.

5.0 SIGNIFICANCE AND CONSULTATION

- 5.1 There is nothing in this report of sufficient importance to trigger Council's Policy of Significance.

6.0 ASSESSMENT OF OPTIONS (INCLUDING FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS)

- 6.1 Option (1). The application can't be solely completed by Council Officers, the level of input placed into the winning bids from the first round showed significant community input and buy-in is required. However there is still no guarantee of success. Any application is also likely to be considered with the knowledge that final coverage area maybe better than currently indicated across the District.
- 6.2 Option (2) will give the Rural Community Board a wide range of options as to what the broadband and cell phone market is to share with the community, but any initiative taken with a private supplier will naturally be privately driven and funded. Any Council involvement in this area would bring risks that would require careful management to ensure that information provided was complete, accurate, and up to date.
- 6.3 Option (3) allows time for the Board, community and Council to see what the RBI will deliver in the district, and where the actual gaps in coverage end up being.

7.0 PREFERRED OPTION/S AND REASONS

- 7.1 Officers recommend option (3) and that Board members discuss this and the Vodafone Community Cell Site scheme with their communities.

8.0 RECOMMENDATIONS AND REASONS

- A) **That the report of the Project Manager: Executive Office and Principal Advisor: Infrastructure titled Rural Broadband Initiative update dated 27/08/2012 be received.**
- B) **That the Rural Community Board instruct officers to continue to monitor and provide updates on the Government Rural Broadband Initiative (RBI), and that Rural Community Board members canvas their communities regarding another Vodafone Community Cell Site Scheme application.**

With the reasons for this decision being that the objective of the decision will contribute to the Council's Strategic Objectives by:

Responding to the needs of the rural community for better cell phone and internet coverage.

Attachments:

There are no attachments for this report.

REPORT TO: HASTINGS DISTRICT RURAL COMMUNITY BOARD

MEETING DATE: MONDAY 27 AUGUST 2012

**FROM: TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS MANAGER
LES GLOCK**

SUBJECT: RURAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMME

Item 5

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Rural Community Board with the Rural Transportation Programme Project Status and Activities Report.
- 1.2 This issue arises from the Board's desire to receive regular updates on progress with the works programme and other activities.
- 1.3 The Council is required to give effect to the purpose of local government as prescribed by Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002. That purpose includes the promotion of the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of communities. The Council seeks to meet this obligation and the achievement of community outcomes through the strategic objectives set out in the 2012-2022 Long Term Plan. The matters raised in this report relate to those elements of the strategic objectives identified in the following table.

Strategic Objectives	Achieved By
<p><i>Economic Wellbeing:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Develop safe transport networks integrated with land use</i> <i>Increased use of renewable resources.</i> 	<p>Providing Council's ratepayers and motoring public with a safe and functional roading network that is managed in a cost effective manner.</p> <p>The recycling of local materials.</p>

- 1.4 This report concludes by recommending that the report be received.

2.0 2012/13 RURAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMME PROJECT STATUS

- 2.1 **Appendix A** attached provides the status details of the 2012/13 Rural Transportation Project Programme.

Appendix A also includes update comments on Maintenance Projects.

3.0 EMERGENCY REINSTATEMENT

- 3.1 The NZTA subsidy claim reported in the May RCB Report has been approved by NZTA.
- 3.2 Storm damage drop out repair work continues throughout the network with approximately \$400k of outstanding repairs still to complete.

3.3 The wet weather period of 27 July 2012 to 4 August 2012 has caused an additional estimated cost of \$100,000 storm damage.

3.4 A claim is being prepared for NZTA Subsidy.

4.0 NETWORK BRIDGE ASSESSMENT REVIEW

4.1 The Bridge Strengthening and Posting Workshop will be held on the 13 September 2012 (9.00am to 10.45am) prior to the District Plan Working Party meet at 11.00am.

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS AND REASONS

That the report of the Transportation Operations Manager titled “Rural Transportation Programme” dated 27 August 2012 be received.

Attachments:

1	Appendix A - Rural Transportation Programme August 2012	12/699
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**APPENDIX A
2012/13 RURAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMME
PROJECT STATUS
Issue Updated : AUG 2012**

Project Status Key:

Hold	Project has been placed on hold by HDC or withdrawn from the Programme
Caution	Significant issues which need to be addressed
Critical	Issues which could have significant impacts on the delivery of the project
OK	No significant issues and generally to programme

20012/13 RURAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMME

Contractor	Contract No	LTCCP Project Name	HDC PROJECT STATUS	CONSTRUCT	LTCCP ANNUAL LENGTH	LTCCP ANNUAL BUDGET	NZTA FUNDED BUDGET	Tender	LTCCP BUDGET VARIANCE
AWPT SEALED ROAD REHABILITATION									
Russell Roads	CON 2012008	Pukekura Settlement - 510 to 1510, 2200 to 3300.	OK	SEPTEMBER	2100		260000	\$256,360	
Fulton Hogan	Mtce Contract	Taihape - 17400 to 17700, 29575 to 30050, 31000 to 31800	OK	OCTOBER	1475		285000		
Russell Roads	Mtce Contract	Various Rural Roads - local small length AWPT's (Maraekakaho, Puketitiri, Raukawa, Valley Roads)	OK	NOVEMBER	1125		189000		
		Sub Total			4700		734000		
SUPPLEMENTARY AWPT SITES NOT FUNDED :									
		Raukawa - 3200 to 3600, 3800 to 4450.		HOLD	1050				
		Raukawa - 5200 to 5750, 11600 to 12000		HOLD	950				
		Waimarama - 13994 to 15194		HOLD	1200				
		Puketitiri (Rissington) - 17000 to 17600		HOLD	600				
		TOTAL LENGTH			3800		1182000		

AWPT PROGRAMME COMMENTS

Aroapaonui Seal Extension - This project is awaiting final confirmation from the RCB to remove from the programme. Higgins Contractors have tendered \$169,000 for the work but the project can only proceed if approved as unsubsidised works.
Pukekura Settlement AWPT has now got NZTA funding approval to proceed.
 Russell Roads have tendered \$256,360 for this work and will start construction in September 2012.

OTHER MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

Waihau Road - The Widening and Safety Work started on 1 July and will be completed by the end of August. Judy and Mark Nelson are in close consultation as this work proceeds.
2011/2013 Rural Reseal Contract has been advertised with rural reseals programmed for January / March 2013.
Middle Road - Earthworks are proposed in September to accommodate the installation of Guard Railing at several locations as a part of the Crash Reduction Safety Study.
Waimarama Road - Earthworks are proposed in October to accommodate the construction of cycle lanes between Craggy Range Winery and River road.
 This is the last section of the Tuki Tuki Valley Trailway Ride to complete.
STORM DAMAGE DROP OUT REPAIRS - these continue at various locations through out the whole of the network.

REPORT TO: HASTINGS DISTRICT RURAL COMMUNITY BOARD

MEETING DATE: MONDAY 27 AUGUST 2012

FROM: ACCOUNTING MANAGER
AMOUR LOUWRENS

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF YEAR-END RESULT FOR RATING AREA 2
AS AT 30 JUNE 2012

Item 6

This report will be circulated prior to the meeting.

Attachments:

There are no attachments for this report.

HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL

HASTINGS DISTRICT RURAL COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, 27 AUGUST 2012

RECOMMENDATION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

SECTION 48, LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987

THAT the public now be excluded from the following part of the meeting, namely:

10 Proposal to Sell Surplus Land - Tutira

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this Resolution in relation to the matter and the specific grounds under Section 48 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this Resolution is as follows:

<i>GENERAL SUBJECT OF EACH MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED</i>	<i>REASON FOR PASSING THIS RESOLUTION IN RELATION TO EACH MATTER, AND PARTICULAR INTERESTS PROTECTED</i>	<i>GROUND(S) UNDER SECTION 48(1) FOR THE PASSING OF EACH RESOLUTION</i>
<p>10. Proposal to Sell Surplus Land - Tutira</p>	<p>Section 7 (2) (h)</p> <p>The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.</p> <p>To enable the Local Authority holding the information to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations.</p>	<p>Section 48(1)(a)(i)</p> <p>Where the Local Authority is named or specified in the First Schedule to this Act under Section 6 or 7 (except Section 7(2)(f)(i)) of this Act.</p>