

STAFF REPORT

TO: Mayor and Councillors

FROM: David Ward

DATE: 5 August 2005

SUBJECT: LTCCP Consultation

INTRODUCTION

As you are aware, Council is required under the Local Government Act 2002, to carry out an extensive consultation process with the community to gain an understanding of the future that our current residents would like for our district.

In addition to the consultative process already undertaken and the planned focus group meetings, Council proposes to send a questionnaire to all residents within the district in which we will be soliciting their comments.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to allow elected representatives the opportunity to peruse and comment the proposed supplement of Newsline – The Mag, which gives a summarised outline to our statutory requirements and which contains the questionnaire that we are soliciting responses to.

COMMENTARY

The base that Council will be using to compile the draft 2006 – 2016 LTCCP are all of those submissions and public meeting comments that we have compiled over the past 12 months in processes that include:

- our telephone survey conducted in October 2004
- submissions to the 2005/2006 draft annual plan
- submissions to the Richmond Development Study
- submissions to the Mapua Ruby Bay Development Study
- submissions to the Rural Futures Consultative Process

Council has also been engaged in a number of focus group workshops commencing with an arts, culture and heritage workshop in April 2005. Subsequent to that date we have been engaged in focus group workshops with the Positive Ageing Forum and Talking Heads – each of these have been held in conjunction with representatives from Nelson City Council.

We have scheduled a series of focus group meetings throughout the district over the next four weeks. These meetings will be independently facilitated and will include Council representation and presentation. The duration of the meetings will be approximately two and a half hours.

These meetings will be supplemented by attendance at forthcoming meetings of the district's resident and ratepayer associations.

Once this consultation process has been completed, all submissions received will be analysed and common themes identified. As a concurrent process we are currently reviewing our asset management plans and activity management plans. An integration of the two processes will be completed by staff no later than the end of November 2005 in order that we can conduct a series of meaningful workshops with Council in December 2005.

RECOMMENDATION

That the supplement to Newsline - The Mag, incorporating the questionnaire entitled "Have your say on Tasman's future" be issued to all residents of Tasman District.

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