

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Councillors

**FROM:** Chief Executive

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**SUBJECT:** CEOs Report for May/June 2006

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## STAFFING

Key priorities for staffing over the last six weeks have been to move staff into the new main office. This process should be complete within three weeks. The other key priority has been conducting public consultation for our Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) and we are about to commence a fairly heavy workload hearing public submissions.

## ROAD FUNDING

The Budget announcement on Thursday 18 May 2006 contained a major boost for Land Transport funding. I enclose a copy of the Minister's background statement. Of particular note is that the Government will now move the National Land Transport Programme, which is primarily state highway construction, onto a funding guarantee for five years. This will produce an enormous improvement in planning stability and save huge amounts of time compared to the previous dopey year on year planning reviews.

Of particular interest to our Council is Appendix A which lists Ruby Bay as a project to be advanced due to the Budget's \$1.3 billion funding package. Our understanding is that the Ruby Bay Bypass Project will now go ahead within the five year time period.

## BERL REGIONAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

I enclose a copy of a recently published BERL report on economic activity in Council areas for the year ended 31 March 2005. Councillors will note that all three top of the South Councils viz Tasman District, Nelson City and Marlborough District have all had a significant drop in their economic activity ranking. This is consistent with the regional slowdown with fewer housing starts, horticulture problems and lower forestry prices.

Councillors should note the time period being measured. These rankings reflect the situation 15 months' ago and today's situation may be somewhat rosier.

## **COMMUNITY BOARD BY-ELECTION**

With the resignation of Mr Neil Hill from the Golden Bay Community Board it is necessary to hold a By-Election. Under the Local Government Electoral Act, when such a resignation occurs more than 12 months' before the next election, then a By-Election must be held.

The Electoral Officer's information concerning key dates regarding the By-Election are attached.

## **BUY KIWI MADE PROGRAMME**

I enclose a Budget announcement from Hon Trevor Mallard, Minister of Economic Development, and Sue Bradford, Spokesperson for Buy Kiwi Made. This announcement outlines the Government's intentions for this programme over the next three years.

## **WORKING PARTY**

At a recent Council Workshop it was proposed to set up a Library Working Party. It is suggested this Working Party consist of the Mayor, Community Services Manager, Property Manager and Crs .....

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