

## **STAFF REPORT**

**TO:** Councillors  
**FROM:** Acting CEO  
**REFERENCE:** C780  
**DATE:** 15 March 2007  
**SUBJECT:** Acting CEOs Report for March 2007

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Since the last meeting a considerable amount of my time has been taken up with dealing with Ombudsmen issues and other general ratepayer inquiries and concerns. I now realise that a CEO needs to have good negotiation skills and the patience to deal with these issues.

### **2007 TASMAN DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

The attached report includes a timetable for the 2007 elections and also seeks approval for early processing of voting documents and a decision on the preferred order of candidates on the voting documents.

The recommended resolution is at the end of the report.

### **PORT NELSON LTD AND NELSON AIRPORT LTD – SIX MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS**

As required the above two companies have provided their six monthly financial reports to the period ending 31 December 2006.

Copies of these reports are attached.

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND – 2007 AGM REMIT PROCESS**

Local Government New Zealand has invited member authorities wishing to submit proposed remits for consideration at the 2007 AGM to do so no later than Wednesday 16 May 2007.

## **THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT RATES INQUIRY**

The appointed Council delegation met with the Inquiry Team headed by David Shand, on Monday 12 March along with representatives from Nelson City and Marlborough District.

A few days prior to this the Mayor heard about background information that was on the website detailing the terms of reference for the Inquiry Team and a number of questions posed on specific issues to help focus submissions and discussions at the meeting.

Whilst our delegation did not specifically cover all the 35 questions, the information provided by the Mayor and Councillors related to many of these. The review team have a series of eleven meetings throughout the Country finishing on 20 April 2007 and written submissions will be accepted by the Inquiry until 4.00 pm on 30 April 2007.

I would recommend that the Council delegation and Corporate Services Manager prepare a submission on behalf of the Council covering the questions raised in the Inquiry Team's background information.

I do have a few spare copies of the background information should other councillors like a copy.

L L Kennedy  
Acting CEO

<http://tdctoday:82/Shared Documents/Meetings/Council/Full Council/Reports/2007/RCN070322 Report Acting CEOs.doc>