

STAFF REPORT

TO: Mayor & Councillors
FROM: Administration Advisor
REFERENCE: C780
DATE: 31 March 2008
SUBJECT: Late Agenda Item - Local Governance Statement

PURPOSE/REASON FOR REPORT

To request Council to consider and adopt the updated Tasman District Council Local Governance Statement.

BACKGROUND

Section 40(1) of the Local Government Act 2002 requires that local authorities must prepare and make publicly available, following the triennial general election of members, a local governance statement which includes the prescribed information contained within that section. Section 40(2) requires local authorities to comply with subsection 40(1) within six months after each triennial general election of members of the local authority.

COMMENT/DISCUSSION

As this Statement must be adopted by Council within six months after the triennial general election, this legislative requirement will not be met if this matter is put on the agenda for the next full Council meeting on 15 May 2008.

Under Standing Orders, 3.7.5:

“An item that is not on the agenda for a meeting may be dealt with at the meeting if:

- (a) the local authority by resolution so decides; and*
- (b) the presiding member explains at the meeting at a time when it is open to the public:*
 - (i) the reason why the item is not on the agenda; and*
 - (ii) the reason why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.*

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the 2008 Tasman District Council Local Governance Statement.

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