

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Councillors

**FROM:** Executive Officer – Strategic Development

**REFERENCE:** C751 and C780

**DATE:** 1 October 2010

**SUBJECT:** Report on Code of Conduct – RCN10-10-03

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## PURPOSE FOR REPORT

To enable Council to consider and compare the existing Code of Conduct (Appendix I) and a proposed Code of Conduct (Appendix II), and further to adopt one of these as required under the Local Government Act 2002.

## BACKGROUND

A Code of Conduct for members must be adopted under Schedule 7, Part 1 Clause 15 of the Local Government Act 2002.

The Act requires that “a member of a local authority must comply with the code of conduct of that local authority”.

The adoption of a Code of Conduct requires the agreement of at least 75% of members present.

Appendix I was introduced in 1998 and has subsequently had a number of minor amendments.

## DISCUSSION

Research has been undertaken on other local authorities Codes of Conduct, and several have the template, wording and format as Appendix II including New Plymouth District Council, Wellington City Council, Christchurch City Council, South Taranaki District Council, and Timaru District Council.

Although our current Code of Conduct contains most of the information that is in the Proposed, it lacks structure and clarity, and also omits responses to breaches of the code.

## **OPTIONS**

- 1 To retain and adopt the existing Tasman District Council Code of Conduct (Appendix I); or
- 2 To adopt the proposed Code of Conduct (Appendix II)

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the Tasman District Council Code of Conduct (Appendix II) be adopted.**

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