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REPORT SUMMARY

Report to: Full Council
Meeting Date: 3 November 2011
Report Author: Dennis Bush-King, Acting Chief Executive
Subject: **Acting Chief Executive's Report**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on various matters from the Acting CEO's desk.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the report be received.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

THAT the Tasman District Council receives the Acting Chief Executive's Report RCN11-11-05.

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1. LONG TERM PLAN 2012/2022

- 1.1 A further round of workshops on the Long Term Plan (LTP) has been completed. Councillors have been advised of the reviewed timetable. The main change is that we will not be able to put the draft plan out for public consultation prior to Christmas as we had planned and we are now working towards releasing the document at the end of January. The main reasons for the delay are the complexity of balancing all the projects across all departments, difficulties with the accounting system, and the likely requirement to have an additional workshop to enable Councillors to set priorities. Adoption of the LTP for public submission is planned for 26 January 2012.

2. ENTERPRISES SUBCOMMITTEE

- 2.1 For some time the Council has debated whether the Enterprises Subcommittee needs to be retained or whether its business can be dealt with at a Corporate Services Committee (CSC) meeting. Work is currently underway to explore what is involved in establishing a Holding Company and there is also work underway to identify Council's commercial assets and, in particular, properties that may be developable/saleable. These items of work can continue and are not reliant on the existence or otherwise of the Enterprises Subcommittee.
- 2.2 Having assessed past agendas for both the Enterprises Subcommittee and the CSC, staff are of the view that there is not a strong case to continue with the Enterprises Subcommittee. Standard reporting can be directed to the CSC. If there is any one-off need for a subcommittee, a Standing Committee has delegated power to set up a subcommittee for a particular item of business.

- 2.3 Accordingly, staff place before the Council a recommendation that the Enterprises Subcommittee be disestablished and its business be transferred back to its parent committee, the Corporate Services Committee.

3. BESTS ISLAND

- 3.1 Council has again been approached to facilitate improved legal and physical access to the residences on Best Island. Appendix 1 contains a petition submitted in support of this. A meeting has been arranged with the new owners of the main block and I will hopefully be in a position to seek further direction at the Council meeting.

4. RENA OIL SPILL

- 4.1 Councillors may be aware that three Tasman District Council staff have been deployed to assist with aspects of the clean up following the grounding of the Rena on Astrolabe Reef off Tauranga. Graham Caradus (our own Regional On-Scene Commander), Dugald Ley, and Jeremy Butler have contributed their time and expertise and at the same time have been able to learn first hand the demands associated with an event of this magnitude.
- 4.2 Given the numbers of vessels that pass along our coastline, many too big to berth at Port Nelson, the Rena incident reminds us that we are not immune from such risks. Our insurance premiums certainly reflect the risks we carry given our maritime responsibilities.

5. SUB NATIONAL POPULATION ESTIMATES

- 5.1 The Department of Statistics has released its latest population estimates for the year ending 30 June 2011. Tasman, along with Auckland and Nelson, was the highest growth region at 1.6% annually, representing an estimated increase of 760 people to a usually resident population of 48,100 (Appendix 2 refers). The New Zealand average was 0.9%, down from the average annual change of 1.1% over the last four years. This estimate gives some further confidence to the Council's Growth Model used for LTP purposes.

6. RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 That the report be received.

7. DRAFT RESOLUTION

THAT Tasman District Council receives the Chief Executive's Report RCN11-11-05.

Dennis Bush-King
Acting Chief Executive

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Appendices:

Appendix 1: Best Island Ratepayers Petition

Appendix 2: Sub National Population Estimates