

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Community Services Committee

**FROM:** Community and Recreation Advisor

**REFERENCE:** C752

**DATE:** 23 November 2005

**SUBJECT:** Collaboration Protocol between Nelson Local and Central Government Agencies with the Nelson Pacific Island Community

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## BACKGROUND

Attached is the collaboration protocol for Nelson Local & Central Government Agencies with the Nelson Pacific Island Community. Peter Retimanu and Lesa Kalapu, from the Office of Pacific Affairs, met recently with CEO Bob Dickinson and myself to invite Tasman District Council to become a signatory to the collaboration protocol.

## DISCUSSION

The protocol creates a framework for co-operation between local and central government agencies and the local pacific community. Establishing communication is the focus of the protocol including attending a forum twice a year to hear and discuss issues of relevance for the Pacific Community. The forum will be a valuable information sharing opportunity. The pacific community are often not reached via government communications and consultations and the forum provides an opportunity to build relationships with the community leaders. The pacific community is a growing population group, currently making up 6% of the local population with a higher than average population under 25 years.

## RECOMMENDATION

That the Tasman District Council become signatories to the collaboration protocol between Nelson local and Central government agencies with the Nelson Pacific Island community.

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