

STAFF REPORT

TO: The Chairperson and Members of the Community Services Committee

FROM: Manager Property Services

DATE: 13 February 2007

SUBJECT: Manager Property's Report

OPERATIONAL PROPERTY

The transaction involving the sale of the property at 3 Wensley Road and the purchase of the property at 25 Oxford Street has been completed. The dwelling will be tendered for removal in the next few weeks and plans will be drawn up for the creation of a car park for Council and/or staff cars with restricted access. This work is included in the 2007/2008 budget and will not commence until after 1 July.

The contract with McCully Builders Limited for the design and build of a new library at Junction Street, Takaka has been signed. The titles have been amalgamated to ensure access onto the car parking area is protected. The existing buildings on the Junction Street property have been tendered for removal and the site should be available for the contractor by the end of March. The new building should be available for occupation by the end of 2007 but it will be some time before a judgement will be made on whether the library will shift before or after Christmas 2007.

Alterations have been undertaken to the Motueka Service Centre customer services area which now enables customers with building associated enquiries to be dealt with in the same area as those making payments etc.

At the time of writing this report no substantial progress has been made in respect of the proposal by State Cinema 6 for the district library property.

MARAHAU FIRE STATION

The Marahau Ratepayers Association have indicated their objection to the proposed relocation of the Marahau Fire Station. An option promoted by a property owner is being considered but if a satisfactory and affordable site is not able to be found, bearing in mind that the fire station cannot stay on the existing site, the Committee may have to consider the possibility of there being no fire service at Marahau. Enquiries are continuing.

MOTOR SPORTS

The Motor Sports Group have indicated their preference for a site. Our consultants have been requested to set out a process that would need to be followed if this land was acquired as a motor sport venue. At the time of writing this report, that information is not available and it is expected that a thorough report will be made available at the next Community Services Committee meeting.

GENERAL

The valuers, Telfer Young, have been appointed to provide valuation services to the Council for reserve contributions upon subdivision from 1 January 2007.

Work is proceeding on the Property Asset Management Plan and the tender for data collection and condition assessment is to be advertised on 21 February 2007.

Investigations are proceeding into the possible acquisition of land at Motueka for pensioner housing.

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