

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee

FROM: Susan Edwards, Strategic Development Manager

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SUBJECT: Top of the South Indicators Report

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to present the Top of the South Indicators Report, which is the report on progress towards achieving the community outcomes. The report has been distributed to Councillors under separate cover.

Council is asked to receive the report. This report is to inform Councillors ahead of publishing the Top of the South Indicators Report.

BACKGROUND

The Local Government Act 2002 (LGA 2002) requires local authorities to work with their communities to identify community outcomes for the intermediate and long-term future of their districts. The outcomes identified indicate the community's desired direction for how the District should progress socially, economically, environmentally and culturally.

The community outcomes and the processes required to work towards them serve as decision-making inputs for Council and other organisations when undertaking their activities and when planning for the District.

The LGA 2002 states that a local authority must monitor and, not less than once every three years, report on the progress made by the community in achieving the community outcomes. It is up to the Council to decide for itself how to monitor and report on the community outcomes, but it must seek agreement of other organisations to help with relevant monitoring.

COMMENT/DISCUSSION

The Top of the South Indicators Report was developed by a working party that included all three Top of the South Councils, Ministry for Social Development, Nelson

Regional Economic Development Agency and the Nelson Marlborough District Health Board.

While it is acknowledged that Council performs a wide range of activities and contributes in different ways to the community outcomes, Council is only one of a wide range of organisations whose actions promote community well-being. Organisations such as government agencies, the private sector, health and social service agencies and Iwi/Maori organisations also make a significant contribution to promoting community well-being and have the mandate, resources and ability to influence progress towards Tasman's community outcomes.

The Indicators Report provides useful information to support Council and community decision making.

The report will be made available to the public on the website and on compact disk, once it has been received by the three Top of the South Councils.

SIGNIFICANCE

Receiving the Indicators Report is not significant under Council's Significance Policy.

AFFECTED PARTIES

The agencies involved in the preparation of the report are aware that Council will receive the report, prior to it being made public.

Nelson City Council considered the report at its meeting on 17 September. Marlborough District Council is also likely to be considering the report in the near future.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Tasman District Council receives the report and notes its contents.

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