



STAFF REPORT

TO: Environment & Planning Committee

FROM: Steve Markham, Manager Policy

REFERENCE: E884

SUBJECT: **NELSON-RICHMOND URBAN FUTURES WORKING GROUP - REPORT EP06/10/06** - Report prepared for 11 October 2006 Meeting

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to recommend the establishment of a joint working group of Tasman District councillors and Nelson City councillors and staff to manage growth in Richmond and Nelson.

2. BACKGROUND

Attached to this report is a report prepared jointly by the managers of both councils earlier this year for consideration by both environment committees; Nelson City Council has adopted the recommendations on 3 October 2006,

3. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee:

1. **Agree** to the establishment of the Nelson-Richmond Urban Futures Working Group

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3 October 2006

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Nelson Richmond Futures Working Group

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1. To seek agreement to establish a joint working group of Tasman District and Nelson City councillors and staff to better coordinate work by the two Councils to manage growth in Richmond and Nelson.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Over the period to 2021, Richmond is projected to need 3000 more households and Nelson 4,700; and to 2031 the projected combined demand is 10,294 households¹. Both Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council have been working on how to provide for this future growth. Both Councils are attempting to steer future growth in a positive way rather than letting it happen haphazardly.
- 2.2 Nelson City Council has consulted on its Nelson Urban Growth Strategy (NUGS) and carried out further analysis on growth options following the feedback received. It is intended decisions on NUGS will be released in December 2006. Tasman District Council is implementing its Richmond Development Study (RDS) with various detailed studies and Plan Variations being prepared or consulted on.
- 2.3 The Councils held a joint councillor meeting in August 2005 to discuss issues arising from NUGS. On the suggestion of a Tasman District councillor it was agreed a small working group of councillors and staff be formed to better align the planning work the Councils are doing to manage growth. It was also agreed the joint working group would not be a decision making body, but that the councillors on the working group would take recommendations back to their respective Councils.
- 2.4 The planning divisional managers at the two Councils and their staff have developed the Nelson Richmond Futures Working Group proposal outlined below in response to the joint working group suggestion.

3. PROPOSED WORKING GROUP

- 3.1 A draft terms of reference for the working group is attached (Attachment 1). Staff propose the focus of the working group should be to help in managing the future growth of Nelson and Richmond in an integrated way. These areas have common issues, and for planning purposes should be viewed as one urban area. The issues the joint working group would deal with include:

¹ Tasman District Council Report EP06/08/16 (16 August 2006) has synthesized all long term demand and supply intelligence for Nelson-Richmond's business and residential development.

- Where to locate retail, industrial and residential expansion or intensification
- What role do the Richmond, Stoke, Tahunanui and Nelson business areas have in the future in the wider urban context
- How to provide for residential and business intensification around these areas
- How to provide the infrastructure needed for growth, including transportation, water, wastewater, stormwater and community facilities and reserves.

3.2 The role of the working group will be to:

- Coordinate work by the Councils in addressing these issues
- Make recommendations to each Council when collaborative or aligned decisions are desirable.

3.3 The working group would be made up of the Councils' Mayors, and the Chairs of their environment, infrastructure, and community services committees, or equivalents, or the nominees of those chairs. A technical working group consisting of planning, infrastructure and community services staff from the two Councils would provide advice to the working group.

4. FUNDING

4.1 Any funding required to implement the recommendations of the joint working group would have to be progressed through the Councils' normal budget rounds. The working group can potentially deliver cost efficiencies through minimising duplication. The servicing of the proposed joint working group would be shared by the two Councils.

5. VIEWS AND PREFERENCES OF INTERESTED OR AFFECTED PERSONS

5.1. Consultation on NUGS and RDS clearly indicates the community wants the two councils to coordinate their planning for future urban growth rather than acting independently.

6. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

6.1. Staff recommend establishing a working group of Tasman District and Nelson City councillors and staff to better coordinate work by the two councils to manage growth in Richmond and Nelson. It is also recommended the attached terms of reference for the working group are agreed to.

7. RECOMMENDATION

THAT Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council agree to establish a joint working group of councillors and staff to coordinate work by the two councils to manage growth in Richmond and Nelson.

AND THAT Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council agree to the terms of references for the working group attached to Report 7026.

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**Nelson Richmond Futures Working Group
Draft Terms of Reference – October 2006**

Role:

To ensure coordination of work by Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council to manage the future growth of the Nelson-Richmond urban area.

To make recommendations to the respective Councils when collaborative or aligned decisions are desirable to manage the future growth of Nelson and Richmond.

Functions:

- Information sharing between Councils on activities being undertaken to provide for the future growth of Nelson and Richmond.
- A forum where each Council can have early input into the other's processes for planning for growth.
- Recommend to the respective Councils what joint work between the two Councils is desirable to provide for future growth.
- Recommend to the respective Councils when both collaborative and aligned decisions are desirable to provide for future growth.

Delegated Authority:

None

Membership:

Mayor Tasman District Council	Mayor Nelson City Council
Chair, Tasman Environment & Planning Committee	Chair, Nelson Environment Committee
Chair, Tasman Engineering Services Committee	Chair, Nelson Infrastructure Committee
Chair, Tasman Community Services Committee	Chair, Nelson Community Services Committee
Or Deputies or Nominees of those Chairs	

Chair:

Rotated between Mayor of Tasman District Council and Mayor of Nelson City Council.

Technical Working Group:

A technical working group consisting of planning, infrastructure and community services staff from Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council will provide advice to the working group.

Meetings:

Quarterly or as required.