

STAFF REPORT

TO: Council's Enterprise Subcommittee
FROM: Manager Property
DATE: 31 July 2006
SUBJECT: Property Report

The following is a project update for the Subcommittee's information:

RICHMOND LIBRARY

This project is now being worked through a Subcommittee appointed by the Council comprising Richmond councillors, the mayor and staff. This Subcommittee will report back to the Council in due course and depending on the Council's decision, the project should once again come under the control of the Enterprise Subcommittee.

TAKAKA LIBRARY

A comparative costing for an extension of the existing war memorial library is being obtained. This proposal would involve removal of the mature trees behind the library and if it were to proceed, would also involve public consultation pursuant to the Reserves Act 1977. A report on these two options and the implications of both will be prepared when all of the information is to hand.

MAIN OFFICE

The final accounts have yet to be received from the contractors and retention monies are still being held. There are now only a few issues requiring attention.

The tenders for the removal of the dwelling at 3 Wensley Road have been prepared and in accordance with the instructions of this Subcommittee, will be reported back to a future meeting of the Enterprise Subcommittee prior to any tender being accepted or declined. A decision may then be made as to whether the property should be utilised as car parking in accordance with the consent issued for the development or whether other options for this land should be pursued.

TOURISM SERVICES LAND, RICHMOND

A report on part of this land is included in today's agenda. The other site has now been vacated by Sicon Limited and tender documents have been prepared for the

removal of the buildings. Three proposals are currently being investigated and these will be reported to the Subcommittee as negotiations progress.

PAKAWAU SUBDIVISION

The appeal against the decision of the commissioner has been lodged in accordance with the direction of this Subcommittee. I will speak further to this at the meeting.

CROUCHER STREET – McGLASHEN AVENUE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Negotiations are proceeding satisfactorily which will enable the proposed road improvements to take place at this intersection. The proposal involves a subdivision of two titles both subject to cross leases, freeholding existing residential and commercial property plus a new commercial site complete with purpose built building. We are hopeful to have an agreement in place within the next eight weeks.

ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANS

Property will be the last of the Council asset areas to undertake this process which will include over 50 properties including operational buildings, commercial buildings, halls, community centres, pensioner housing, fire stations, museums plus the ASB Aquatic Centre and the Motueka Recreation Centre. The plan will follow the national asset management standards recently set down for property and will utilise the Confirm Asset Management System already being utilised for Parks and Reserves and other assets.

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