STAFF REPORT

TO: **Corporate Services Committee**

FROM: Peter Darlington
Information Services Manager

REFERENCE:

DATE: 24 September 2007

SUBJECT: Information Services Monthly Report

PURPOSE/REASON FOR REPORT

To update the Corporate Services Committee of Council on latest activity and projects in the Information Services Section.

COMMENT/DISCUSSION

1. Civil Defence Emergency Management

Both GIS and IT staff took a full part in Exercise Pandora on 14 – 15 September 2007. The GIS application developed jointly between the two councils worked well and incident maps were able to be updated and printed throughout the exercise.

Many additions and points of improvement were noted during the course of the exercise and these will be discussed at post-exercise feedback meetings.

2. Richmond West Maps

GIS staff are working with Planning to ensure the changes to Richmond West are reflected in the latest update to the TRMP.

3. Rural Addressing

As per requests from the last Corporate Services Committee meeting, Emergency Services have been contacted to ensure that they are aware of the new rural property numbering in Tasman. We are recommending quick updates to their land databases to ensure that the new numbering scheme is in place on their own systems.

4. SPAM Emails

As you are probably aware, email SPAM is a huge problem on the Internet. Council is no different with up to 70% of our total email being SPAM and/or other malicious email types. We have recently taken up a service from a company called SMX who remove all SPAM, viruses and spyware from emails before they get to the council network.

Since implementing this service we have noticed our SPAM levels drop from a daily average of approximately 47% to around 0.1%. This service will not only save wasted staff time dealing with SPAM but will also save on our Internet traffic charges, as these unwanted emails are being stopped before they get to us.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the Information Services monthly report dated 24 September 2007.

Peter Darlington
Information Services Manager