STAFF REPORT

TO:	**Corporate Services Committee**
FROM:	Peter Darlington Information Services Manager
REFERENCE:	
DATE:	24 September 2008
SUBJECT:	Information Services Update 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. Regional Broadband

Council is waiting on a report commissioned from the Nelson Marlborough Inforegion (NMi) on what the future governance model for regional broadband services will look like. This report has been commissioned by Marlborough District Council on behalf of the three top of the south councils and hopes to provide clear options on the issue of governance.

Network Tasman Ltd is planning to make two applications to the Broadband Investment Fund (due 28 September 2008) for further fibre extensions within the Tasman District. The first is for a fibre link from Riwaka to East Takaka over the Takaka Hill. The second is a fibre link from St Arnaud to Murchison.

Steve Kerr from Chorus will be onsite meeting with Council staff on 14 October 2008 to discuss the company's future broadband rollout plans in this region. Cabinet and Exchange upgrades are set to commence in the Tasman District in October 2009.

2. Wireless Network in Civic Area

This is now up and running and available to use. The system provides access to the internet and webmail as well as remote access into Council's systems. Any Councillors wishing to connect their laptops to the internet while at TDC should contact the Helpdesk on 543 8459 and IS staff will be able to assist with this.

3. Information Services Disaster Recovery Plan

We are currently working on an update to the Council Information Services Disaster Recovery Plan. The plan will focus on identifying key business functions and processes and ensuring information and data related to these are not lost and can be recovered in the event of a disaster. The plan will specify a set of procedures to successfully recover our key systems and make sure that these are tested and reviewed on a regular basis.

It is expected that the plan will also be able to be integrated into the wider emergency management framework to ensure that key systems are available for use by the Regional Emergency Operations Centre.

The first draft of the updated plan is expected to be completed by 5 December 2008.

4. Information Services Audit 2008

The IS audit was completed in early September 2008 and any findings will be included in the main Council audit report 2008. No major issues have been highlighted in the draft findings from the audit visit.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Information Services report dated 24 September 2008 be received.

Peter Darlington
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