

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Chair and Members, Corporate Services Committee

**FROM:** Corporate Services Manager

**REFERENCE:**

**DATE:** 25 May 2009

**SUBJECT:** **Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit –  
Business Plan 2009/2010**

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## **Purpose**

To approve the Nelson Regional Sewerage (NRSBU) business plan for the 2009/2010 year.

## **Background**

The NRSBU along with other Council controlled organisations is required to complete a Statement of Intent or business plan by 30 June each year.

Due to the next meeting of the Combined Shareholders Group occurring after the end of the current financial year, the 2009/2010 business plan of the NRSBU is being brought direct to Council for formal approval. Nelson City Council has already passed a similar resolution approving this business plan for signing.

## **Discussion**

The business plan has been updated from the 2008/2009 plan largely as a result of an April 2008 review of operations by the Board.

Council's Engineering Manager has reviewed this business plan and is comfortable with its contents. Committee members will note that from a financial perspective, Council's contribution to the NRSBU is not stated in the business plan. However, enquiries of Nelson City Council staff indicate that this plan requires Council contributions of \$1,989,000 in 2009/2010, \$2,148,460 in 2010/2011 and \$2,591,400 in 2011/2012. These contributions are less than that contained in Council's draft 2009 – 2019 LTCCP.

## **Significance of Decision**

The business plan is significant in that the costs of the NRSBU affect a large proportion of Council's ratepayers.

## **Options**

### **Option 1**

Decline to adopt the business plan and send the plan to the Combined Shareholders Group for further discussion and amendment before being re-presented to Council.

### **Option 2**

Accept the business plan, as presented.

## **Recommendation**

That the Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Plan for 2009/2010 be approved for signing.

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