

STAFF REPORT

TO: Corporate Services Committee

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REFERENCE:

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SUBJECT: Information Services Update – Report prepared for
Corporate Services Committee 15 October 2009

Purpose of Report

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

Discussion

GIS Future Strategy

IS are co-ordinating a review of GIS Services to take place over November and December 2009. The findings of this review will drive upgrades to ExploreTasman and the development of Website based property/GIS and other publicly available spatial data applications.

The review will provide our future direction for GIS for the next three years.

Website Update

The IS Department is also putting together a strategy for the development of the Council Website for the next three years. We want to ensure that the highest priority changes will make the biggest improvements in service to the widest range of Council customers. We are looking at what transactions and customer interactions can be brought online to achieve this.

We are also looking at the latest trends in local government website services around the country and internationally, and looking at what technology will make the best platform to start building these new services on.

We aim to complete this process by December 2009 and should be in a position to start developing the new site in the New Year.

LiDAR update

As per the LiDAR budget created as part of the 2009-2019 LTCCP, the 2009 tender for updated data coverage is underway. Tender documents were released on Wednesday 30 September 2009, with a closing date of Wednesday 21 October 2009. The new area extension includes rural 3/Waimea Estuary, Ligar Bay/Tata Beach and St Arnaud – approximately 100 sq km.

Upgrade to Office 2007

Over the next 12 months we will be moving Council computers across to the latest version of Microsoft Office 2007. This will involve staff refresher training and will require some minor amendments to systems to ensure that templates, spreadsheets and other system based and integrated or linked documents will continue to work in the new version.

2009 IS Audit

The 2009 Audit visit took place on 1 and 2 October 2009. No major issues were highlighted and it was noted that the Disaster Recovery plan has been updated.

Recommendation

That the Information Services Update dated 6 October 2009 be received.

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