STAFF REPORT

TO:	Chairman and Members, Corporate Services Committee
FROM:	Corporate Services Manager
DATE:	12 November 2010
SUBJECT:	Port Nelson Ltd – RFN10-11-01

Purpose

To approve the Port Nelson Limited Statement of Intent (SOI) for 2010-2011.

Background

Port Nelson Ltd, along with other Council-controlled organisations, is required to complete an SOI by 30 June each year.

Although the attached SOI has been approved by the Joint Shareholders Committee, formal approval from this committee is required.

The following resolution was passed by the Joint Shareholders Committee on 27 August 2010.

Moved Cr Bryant/Cr Thomas

THAT the Joint Shareholders Committee recommends to both Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council that the Port Nelson Limited Statement of Corporate Intent 2010/2011 be approved for signing subject to inclusion of a requirement to consult with shareholders prior to committing to any further strategic investments.

Discussion

The additional wording requested by the joint shareholders committee has now been added and SOI highlights from the chairman of the company, A O Patterson, are noted on the attached covering letter. The forecast dividends contained in this SOI are in line with that contained within Council's 2009-2019 Long term Council Community Plan.

Options

Option 1: Decline to approve the SOI and along with suggested changes refer the matter back to the joint shareholders committee for further discussion

Option 2: Approve the SOI without change subject to a similar resolution being passed from the Nelson City Council

Significance of Decision

The SOI is significant in that it defines the company's social, environmental and financial objectives over the next 12 months.

Recommendation

That the Corporate Services Committee approves for signing the Port Nelson Ltd Statement of Intent for 2010/2011, subject to it also being approved for signing by the Nelson City Council.

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