

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Chairman and Members, Engineering Services Committee

**FROM:** Peter Thomson, Engineering Manager

**REFERENCE:**

**DATE:** 03 June 2008

**SUBJECT:** **WALK 21 – INTERNATIONAL WALKING CHARTER**

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## 1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to advise the Engineering Services Committee of a request from Walk Nelson-Tasman that Tasman District Council become a signatory to the International Charter for Walking.

## 2 BACKGROUND

A memo from Walk Nelson-Tasman is attached with information regarding Walk21, the International Charter for Walking.

## 3 DISCUSSION

As advised in the Transportation report to the Committee, Council's Regional Cycling & Walking Strategy is currently under review through a two-stage process which will also involve public consultation. Given the time available staff have not been able to fully research all of the background information on the International Charter for Walking and to understand the full implications of Council becoming a signatory to the Charter. However, the vision and principles and actions of the Charter seem laudable and well worth pursuing.

It is suggested that rather than the Council becoming a signatory immediately to Walk21 that this issue be considered as part of the review of the Regional Cycling & Walking Strategy. It may be more appropriate that Council become a signatory when it is understood that this is fully compatible with a newly-adopted revision of the Cycling & Walking Strategy later this year.

## 4 RECOMMENDATION

**THAT the report be received and that consideration be given to Council becoming a signatory to the Walk21 International Charter for Walking as part of Council's Regional Cycling & Walking Strategy review.**



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