

STAFF REPORT

TO: Chair and Members, Engineering Services Committee
FROM: David Stephenson, Utilities Asset Engineer
REFERENCE: R380
DATE: 21 March 2007
SUBJECT: **NCC / TDC LANDFILL OPTIONS REVIEW - UPDATE**

1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to inform the committee of progress of a working party of Nelson City and Tasman District Councils reviewing regional waste management (landfill) options.

2 BACKGROUND

The committee resolved at its meeting of 15 February 2007:

THAT Crs Norriss and Bryant be appointed to represent Tasman District Council on a joint TDC-NCC Technical Working Party to consider the possibility of a single combined solid waste landfill operation in the Nelson-Tasman Region, and to report back to the Engineering Services Committee on its findings.

3 PROGRESS TO DATE

On 27 February, members of the working party (Councillors and Council staff) met for an initial meeting to consider the landfill operations of the two councils and the potential costs and benefits of a single regional landfill. In preparation for this meeting, a draft discussion paper was prepared by TDC and NCC staff for consideration.

Good progress was made during the meeting with the following issues discussed:

- Current solid waste operations, including current resource consents and contractual obligations
- Current and projected waste tonnages, and cross-border waste flows,
- Current operating costs and estimated costs for a regional landfill operation, and
- Current and alternative ownership and management structures for landfill operations.

The meeting concluded with a request for Council staff to prepare further information on the above, with the working party proposing to meet again on 28 March.

4 RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received.

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