STAFF REPORT

TO: Councillors

FROM: Administration Advisor

REFERENCE: C780

DATE: 30 March 2005

SUBJECT: Local Governance Statement

PURPOSE/REASON FOR REPORT

To advise Councillors of the requirement to update the Local Governance Statement.

BACKGROUND

Section 274 of the Local Government Act 2002 required local authorities to prepare and make publicly available a local governance statement that includes the information required by section 40(1) before 31 December 2003. Council adopted its first Local Governance Statement on 18 December 2003, as per resolution CN03/12/25.

Section 40(1) of the Local Government Act 2002 requires that local authorities must prepare and make publicly available, following the triennial general election of members, a local governance statement which includes the prescribed information contained within that section. Section 40(2) requires local authorities to comply with subsection 40(1) within six months after each triennial general election of members of the local authority.

COMMENT/DISCUSSION

The appropriate changes/updates have been made, including the details of elected members and minor changes to committee responsibilities.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the 2005 Tasman District Council Local Governance Statement.