

STAFF REPORT

TO: Mayor & Councillors
FROM: Community Services Manager
REFERENCE: M905
DATE: 24 April 2007
SUBJECT: Tasman Bays Heritage Trust – Request for Funds

PURPOSE/REASON FOR REPORT

To advise Council of a request received from Tasman Bays Heritage Trust to both Nelson City and Tasman District Councils as shareholders, for additional funding to cover an unexpected shortfall for their 2006/07 budget.

BACKGROUND

A copy of the request received from the Trust is attached to this report and provides a list of items which have been above and beyond the 2006/07 budget for the Trust.

COMMENT/DISCUSSION

The additional items above the 2006/07 budget total \$106,250 and this is explained in the attached letter. The request from this Council is therefore \$53,125 and this could be funded from any operating surplus within the Rating Account.

NB: Based on the 31 March 2007 Financial Report there should be sufficient funds to meet this request.

The Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council Combined Shareholders Group have recommended that the two Councils agree to this request.

SIGNIFICANCE

The request is not significant under the Council's policy on significance.

AFFECTED PARTIES

Other than the Tasman Bays Heritage Trust and the two local Councils, there are no affected persons to this request.

OPTIONS

1. To decline the request for the additional funds.
2. To defer the request until staff can provide greater detail of the likely financial position of Council at the end of June.
3. To approve the request.

RECOMMENDATION

That consideration be given to approving the request for the additional \$53,125 from the Tasman Bays Heritage Trust so as to avoid the Trust commencing the 2007/08 Financial Year with a large debit balance.

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