

STAFF REPORT

TO: Mayor and Councillors

FROM: Susan Edwards, Strategic Development Manager

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SUBJECT: Appointment of Councillors from Tasman District Council to a Regional Economic Development Strategy Working Group

PURPOSE FOR REPORT

To appoint two Councillors to a Regional Economic Development Strategy (REDS) Working Group run by the Economic Development Agency (EDA).

BACKGROUND

On 10 April 2008, representatives from the EDA spoke to a Council workshop held to discuss the REDS and the recommendations contained in the report. At the workshop, the Council was asked to appoint two Councillors to a working group on the REDS. The purpose of the working group will be to identify the priority recommendations from the REDS to action and to go into the EDA and other agencies work plans.

COMMENT

The Tasman District Council contributed around \$20,000 (split over the 2006/07 and 2007/08 financial years) to the EDA for the REDS to be prepared. The draft Annual Plan for the 2008/09 financial year contains \$120,000 funding to the EDA.

The EDA considers it important for the Council to have some say in the priorities for future economic development work. The EDA is establishing a working group, which is designed to enable key stakeholders to have input into the prioritisation process. The Nelson City Council is also being invited to have representatives on the working group.

If the Council wishes to have some say on which REDS recommendations are given priority, then it would be beneficial to have two representatives on the working group. At the workshop on 10 April there appeared to be some support for the establishment

of the working group and for two representatives from the Council to be appointed to the group. There was some discussion about the two representatives being the Mayor, Richard Kempthorne and Cr Trevor Norris. The purpose of this report is to provide the Council with the opportunity to appoint two Councillors to the working group, should they chose to do so.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Tasman District Council considers appointing Mayor, Richard Kempthorne and one other Councillor to be the Council representatives on the Economic Development Agency working group on the Regional Economic Development Strategy.

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