

## STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Mayor and Councillors  
**FROM:** Peter Thomson, Engineering Manager  
**REFERENCE:** W199  
**DATE:** 19 June 2008  
**SUBJECT:** Takaka Firefighting

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### 1 PURPOSE

To report to Council a recommended proposal from the Engineering Services Committee.

### 2 BACKGROUND

As has been previously reported to the Engineering Services Committee a working party was established to consider the feasibility of options for firefighting systems in the commercial and residential areas of Takaka township. Representation on this working party has included committee members, Golden Bay community board members, NZ Fire Service, community representatives, staff and Council's engineering consultants.

A full report of the options evaluated by the working party including recommendations and copies of minutes to their meetings was provided to the Engineering Services Committee on 1 May 2008.

### 3 COMMENT

Since reporting to the Engineering Services Committee, further investigation/work has been undertaken relating to the fire tanker. This proposal no longer requires funding or support for the additional fire tanker in Takaka and this is supported by the New Zealand Fire Service and the Takaka Fire Service Trust.

### 4 CONSULTATION

At its meeting on 1 May 2008, the Engineering Services Committee recommended that:

**Moved Mayor Kempthorne/Cr Currie  
WK08/05/06**

**THAT the Engineering Services Committee recommends to full Council that:**

- a) the Takaka firefighting system option as set out in section 9 of the attached Takaka Firefighting Options Evaluation report be proposed to the district community using the Special Consultative Procedure of the Local Government Act 2002 at the earliest practicable opportunity.**

**b) Staff refine financial, funding and rating issues for the recommended option and clarify these issues in the report to full Council.**

**CARRIED**

If the attached Statement of Proposal proceeds then staff can start some of the design work early in the new financial year to support the installation of the pressurized water reticulation network.

## **5 FUNDING**

Capital funding would be included in Council's review of the LTCCP.

## **6 RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council commences a special consultative procedure in accordance with Part 6 of the Local Government Act 2002 with the Takaka community for the Takaka Firefighting Water Supply Statement of Proposal 17 June 2008 attached to this report.

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