

STAFF REPORT

TO: The Chairperson and Members of the Community Services Committee

FROM: Manager Community Services

DATE: 10 March 2005

SUBJECT: Motor Sports

PURPOSE

To suggest that the Committee consider calling a meeting of representatives of all motor sports to determine their future needs in the Nelson/Tasman region.

BACKGROUND

Over recent years, approaches have been made by various motor sports for assistance in obtaining appropriate land for their activity. These have included motor-cross, super-cross and car clubs. More recently the issue of the use of the Motueka Airport for drag racing has prompted further requests for Council assistance with land for such activities.

DISCUSSION

Many local authorities have provided similar facilities throughout New Zealand. Any site would need to be isolated from neighbouring houses to prevent noise complaints as has recently been the case in Auckland.

It has been suggested that a number of facilities for the various motor sports may be better than one large facility. The reason for this is that the larger facilities would be used more often which may lead to a number of complaints unless it was located in a very remote area.

Before having a meeting with any of the motor sports personal it maybe worthwhile sending out a questionnaire to find out various information such as:

- Do they require assistance in finding a suitable site.
- Where they currently operate from.

- Number of events they hold annually or could hold annually.
- Number of participants and spectators.
- What facilities they require eg sealed track, flat or hilly areas.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee discuss whether they wish to investigate assistance for motor sports groups and, if so, how best to manage the process.

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