STAFF REPORT

TO: The Chairperson and Members of the Community

Services Committee

FROM: Manager Community Services

DATE: 31 August 2005

SUBJECT: Richmond Town Hall Management Committee

PURPOSE

This report is to advise on the progress made with the Richmond Town Hall Management Committee as a result of the resolution passed at the 18 November 2004 meeting.

DISCUSSION

As part of the tri-annual review of Hall and Reserve Management Committees the following resolution was passed at the November 2004 meeting:

"That discussions be held with the Richmond Town Hall Management Committee regarding the phasing out of the Committee over the next six months, now that the full management of the facility is contracted out."

This matter was discussed by the Management Committee on 21 March 2005 when they resolved to carry on until June 2005 at which time the Committee would propose to Council its reasons for continuing and would consider the formality by which it does so. On 23 June the Committee met again and considered a paper prepared by one of their members and agreed that the Committee continue in existence and that its functions be those set out in the report dated 25 April 2005 and that it reports, for the time being, to the Community Services Committee of the Council.

Unfortunately I was on leave at the last meeting and, as no correspondence had been received from the Town Hall Management Committee, this did not make it to the agenda. Attached to this agenda is a full copy of the 25 April 2005 report that was adopted by the Town Hall Committee.

Now that the management of the Town Hall and associated facilities are contracted to Tasman Regional Sports Trust, most of the functions identified by the Management Committee are no longer required. However, the current Deed of Lease with the Tasman Regional Sports Trust expires on 30 March 2006 and therefore the future of the Town Hall Management Committee may be best left until the decision is made on the future management of the Town Hall complex.

RECOMMENDATION

That in the meantime I would suggest that the Richmond Town Hall Management Committee continues to meet as and when necessary and that any recommendations they have be referred to this Committee for appropriate action and that the future of the Management Committee be received once a decision has been made on the Management Contract Review.

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