

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Community Services Committee  
**FROM:** Administration Advisor  
**REFERENCE:** C776  
**DATE:** 14 November 2007  
**SUBJECT:** Nelson Tasman Housing Forum

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## PURPOSE/REASON FOR REPORT

To appoint a Chair and decide on quarterly meeting dates for the Nelson Tasman Housing Forum during 2008.

## BACKGROUND

The Nelson Housing Forum emanated from an objective of the Nelson City Council Community Housing Policy, viz:

- “1.4 Facilitate a quarterly community housing forum*
- 1.4.1 Facilitate and provide administrative support for a quarterly housing forum comprising representatives of interested community, central and local government organisations and private landlord groups.*
- 1.4.2 Initiate joint planning and co-ordination of services through the housing forum*
- 1.4.3 Monitor home affordability and other housing issues and when necessary, take an advocacy role.”*

The Forum began in 2003, and enjoys a wide range of membership including elected representatives and staff from both councils, representatives from community housing providers, landlords, WINZ and Housing New Zealand. It has been meeting quarterly at the Nelson City Council, is chaired by Councillor Gail Collingwood, and administered by Nelson City Council staff. Items usually discussed include data on home affordability, NCC and TDC occupancy rates and building consents, Housing NZ waiting lists, medium weekly rents, and general updates from respective organisations.

The Nelson Housing Forum invited Tasman District Council to take an official partnership role, which would include changing the name of the Forum to the Nelson Tasman Housing Forum and having an annual rotation of administrative responsibilities.

## **COMMENT/DISCUSSION**

The Community Services Committee resolved at the 27 June 2007 meeting to accept this partnership with Nelson City Council in the Housing Forum, and as Nelson City Council have hosted the last quarterly meeting of the Forum for 2007, a Chairperson needs to be appointed, and meeting dates scheduled for 2008.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

- (i) THAT Cr \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed as the Chairperson of the Nelson Tasman Housing Forum for 2008.
- (ii) THAT quarterly meetings be held in February, May, August and November on dates yet to be decided.

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