

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Corporate Services Committee  
**FROM:** Information Services Manager  
**DATE:** 10 April 2008  
**SUBJECT:** Information Services Update Report

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## PURPOSE FOR REPORT

To update the Corporate Services Committee on the latest activity and projects in the Information Services Section.

## DISCUSSION

### **Wireless computer access in the Richmond Office Civic area**

The equipment for wireless access in the Council civic area is being installed this week and will be tested over the next two weeks. Access should be available to Councillors and for meetings after this time.

### **Regional Broadband**

Wellington based company Citylink have won the contract to operate the new Nelson Marlborough Peering Exchange. Citylink will establish the exchange at a zero cost to the Nelson Marlborough Inforegion for the first two years of operation.

After the exchange is established, Citylink will be hoping to join up local public organisations such as the Councils, NMIT, NMDHB and others. There is also interest in the exchange from some private sector organisations such as Sealord and the forestry sector.

Telecom's operational separation came and went last Monday. Telecom have indicated plans for new cabinets to be installed into all communities of 500 or more households. For Tasman District, this means all our communities barring Tapawera and Collingwood. The new cabinets will be connected by fibre from the local telecom exchange and should be located within 800 metres of most households. This means that the bandwidth (network speed) to most households will increase dramatically because houses will be closer to the cabinet than they were to the exchange and fewer households will have to share each connection.

The cabinet rollout will begin this year with Tasman townships being upgraded over 2009/10.

Telecom Managers were in Nelson on Friday 4 April and indicated they are happy to talk with local Councils to share investment to bring further high speed access to communities who are missing out on the new cabinets.

### **Golden Bay Library opening**

The new fibre connection to the Service Centre has been installed and IS staff have organised the move of all the IT equipment into the new premises.

### **IS Manager Long Service Leave**

Just a note to let the Committee know that I will be taking Long Service Leave over May and June 2008. Senior members of the IS team will be taking over supervisory duties in my absence.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Council accepts this update report.

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