

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Chairman and members, Corporate Services Committee

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**DATE:** 12 August 2008

**SUBJECT:** Information Services Update Report

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## PURPOSE/REASON FOR REPORT

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

## COMMENT/DISCUSSION

### 1. Regional Broadband

TDC staff are in discussions with Network Tasman on the process to ensure that ducting for broadband is available in new subdivisions and where infrastructure maintenance is taking place. Our initial thoughts are that a partnership with a fibre provisioning organisation operating under the open access tenets of the Nelson Marlborough Inforegion would be the ideal way forward. A draft process for this has been drawn up with Engineering staff.

The Ministry for Social Development is putting together a broadband handbook for local government that will assist with working through any planning and RMA issues.

Work continues on the implementation of the regional Internet exchange. The contract with Citylink is being completed and then building of the exchange will commence. NREDA have advised this process will take 6-8 weeks.

### 2. GIS input into LTCCP Growth Strategies

The GIS Team has been busy providing maps to support the work done on LTCCP Growth Strategies. As well as this, GIS staff are working with the Policy Team on the finalised maps for the TRMP plan going operative in November.

### 3. New Utilities Telemetry System

IS staff have been working with Engineering and MWH to upgrade the district utilities telemetry system. The system monitors water and wastewater pump stations and provides monitoring capability to ensure reticulations are operating correctly. The old

system was located at MWH but the upgraded system has been moved to the computer room at Richmond Main Office. As well as improving performance and aligning the management, maintenance, backups and recovery of a key system with other core council systems, council staff, MWH and contractors now have access to the system from their offices and out in the field.

#### **4. Audit Visit**

The Audit Office will be onsite completing our annual IT audit during the week of 25 August 2008.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Information Services Update Report dated 12 August 2008 be received.

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