

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Chair & Members, Corporate Services Committee

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**SUBJECT:** **Information Services Update Report – RFN10-02-05**

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## Purpose

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

## Comment

### Broadband Update

Network Tasman Ltd (NTL) has submitted a proposal to the government's Broadband Investment Initiative call for tenders, due at the end of January 2010. They are part of the NZ Regional Fibre Group of companies. They are a nationally aligned, regionally based entity operating on transparent, open access principles. The membership is comprised of several regional fibre companies and spans most of New Zealand ensuring extensive broadband coverage. Final selection of regional partners is expected to be completed by June 2010.

Alongside this, construction is well underway by NTL on the Nelson Exchange building. NTL technicians will be installing the fibre network equipment into the new exchange by mid-February 2010. The Blenheim Exchange building space has been secured and NTL are awaiting cabinet delivery and installation. The cabinet for the Motueka Exchange will arrive shortly and it is hoped that the regional network service for Motueka to Waikawa will be up and running by early to mid-March 2010.

### GIS Update

The new GIS Strategy is currently being finalised. This will see upgrades to ExploreTasman, implementation of a regional web-based GIS application and more spatial data being made available for council staff and customers. The strategy will

be effective from 2010 to 2012 and will seek to bring service and process improvements to key council functions.

GIS staff are also currently working on fault maps for the Policy team, maps for the Lee Valley Dam project and looking at a shared biodiversity application for councils.

### **Website Update**

We are coming to the end of the public feedback gathering stage of the new website development and the information received from this will assist us in the development of a customer focussed site. Work on the structure of the site has begun with design and development continuing through March and April 2010. It is hoped that test versions of the site will be available for targeted user viewing, testing and feedback during April 2010.

### **Civil Defence Emergency Management National System**

The Minister of Civil Defence John Carter announced last week that E-Sponder will supply the electronic emergency management information system (EMIS) for use in the National Crisis Management Centre (NCMC) and by civil defence authorities. It is proposed that this will be an integrated system that local civil defence agencies can use to run their operations centres.

This is good news for Nelson Tasman Civil Defence as it will save the cost of developing a system from scratch and mean that there is national coordination in the ongoing development and maintenance of the system.

### **Recommendation**

That the Information Services Update Report – RFN10-02-05 be received.

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