

STAFF REPORT

TO: Chair and Members, Corporate Services Committee
FROM: Peter Darlington
DATE: 16 June 2010
SUBJECT: **Information Services Update Report – RFN10-06-06**

Purpose

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

Comment/Discussion

Broadband Update

The exchange points at Motueka, Nelson (including Richmond) and Blenheim are now live with commercial customers operating on each. Network Tasman are currently finishing the build at each site which will allow for expansion of services. SNAP Internet are currently using the fibre to offer business Internet services.

There is no further news on either of the government proposals around broadband (Rural and Ultra Fast) although both are still deemed to be on-track for confirmations later in the year.

The Golden Bay fibre route is still in process with design work still to be finalised. I don't believe there has been any change to the provisional timeline of completion by Dec 2011.

GIS Update

We are now up to the latest version of our GIS software in our development environment in Information Services. The next version of ExploreTasman will be built and configured in this environment from July through to September 2010. It is hoped that the initial rollout of the new version will begin after this point.

We are also awaiting final costings for the development of a regional GIS application that will provide basic property and spatial information from Nelson and Tasman through a single interface. If this project moves forward it will be in development from September to November with a first version available early in the new year.

Website Update

The new Website design has been finalised. Content and structure has also been completed as has staff training in adding content to the Website. The key tasks between now and mid-July are to build the content on the site and develop the agreed applications such as rates payments and rivers data into the site. The new site launch date of mid-August is still on track.

(Tama Easton will provide a quick tour of the new Website for Councillors.)

Recommendation

THAT the Information Services Update report RFN10-06-06, dated 16 June 2010, be received.

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