

15. REPORT ON ZONE 5 MEETING: 17 MAY 2002

Delegates The Mayor, Cr Sue Wells, Community Board Chair Yvonne Palmer	Author Allan Watson, Infrastructure Policy Leader, DDI 941-8303
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This report highlights for the committee, matters discussed at the Zone 5 meeting on Friday 17 May, hosted by the Tasman District Council.

The meeting was attended by Councillor Wells, Community Board Chair Yvonne Palmer and Allan Watson.

STV

Significant time was devoted to STV with presentations from Alan McRobie, Mike Reid (LGNZ) and Gavin Beatty (Internal Affairs). The decision-making timetable that must be met by both Regional and Territorial authorities was emphasised. It is noted this Council will be considering the question at a seminar in July, preparing for decisions that must be made by 12 September.

Ecan Chairperson, Richard Johnson, made a plea at the meeting that there be consultation to avoid a mixture of FPP and STV across the region. However, local authorities do not have complete control over the outcome so even with regional co-ordination at Council level, the result could still be a mixed one.

Local Government Bill

LGNZ confirmed that it is becoming increasingly unlikely that the Local Government Bill will become law during this term.

Transport Forum: Wellington, 25 June

Members were encouraged to attend the LGNZ sponsored Transport Forum where the proposed Land Transport Management Bill will be explained and discussed. It is noted the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee is organising Councillor representation and that Stuart Woods, Transport Policy Leader and Steve Matheson, City Streets Manager, will also be attending.

Higher Salaries Commission Remuneration Model

There was criticism of the HSC's Draft Remuneration Model and Councils were encouraged to make their own submissions, due on 31 May 2002.

Community Board Executive Council Report

It was reported that another Zone 5 Community Board forum is planned for later in the year, with Timaru District Council as the probable host.

Emergency Management Bill

LGNZ advised that the pressure is being maintained to have this Bill passed into law this term. Objections from the Act Party to this Bill have been withdrawn so it is now only a question of where the Bill sits on the parliamentary programme. Nonetheless its passage must be viewed as unlikely during this term.

LGNZ Chief Executive's Report

LGNZ provided a comprehensive report on current LGNZ work and this is tabled and available to Councillors should they have questions about current LGNZ business.

Chair's

Recommendation: That the information be received.