

4. WOOSH WIRELESS - NEW TELECOMMUNICATION COMPANY

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The purpose of this report is to update the Council on recent innovations in the cell phone industry and seek approval to sign Woosh Wireless to the same protocol document used for Telecom and Vodafone.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSAL

Woosh

Woosh Wireless, as a network operator in the broadband Internet market, have approached the Council with a desire to establish up to six cell sites on Council owned land. A number of other sites have already been established on privately owned land within Christchurch.

Currently the Council has a protocol and licence agreements which both Telecom and Vodafone have entered into which outlines a process for obtaining consent to use Council owned land and sets out the base licence requirements for individual site agreements.

This process is working well, and sets out the requirements and obligations of both parties. We propose extending the same agreement to Woosh Wireless.

Prior to consenting to the establishment of these sites, Woosh Wireless would be required to agree to the protocol and the terms of a licence similar to those in place with Telecom and Vodafone before any individual site agreements could be issued.

ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

Woosh

In the interests of equality and consistency for all telecommunications companies there is a need to enter into a licence agreement with Woosh on the same terms and conditions as the existing agreements with Telecom and Vodafone. The agreement contains the principles of the protocol that has been established.

Committee

Recommendation: That the Facility Assets Manager be delegated authority to enter into a licence/protocol agreement with Woosh on the same basis as the other telecommunications companies.