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## Minutes of a meeting of the Commercial Subcommittee

**Held in Ruma Mārama, Level 2A, Civic House, 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson**

**On Tuesday, 5 May 2015, commencing at 1.08pm**

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Present: Mr J Murray (Chairperson), Her Worship the Mayor R Reese, Councillor G Noonan, and Mr J Peters

In Attendance: Councillor B McGurk, Group Manager Infrastructure (A Louverdis), Group Manager Strategy and Environment (C Barton), Manager Administration (P Langley), and Administration Adviser (G Brown)

Apology: Councillor L Acland

The meeting adjourned at 1.08pm and resumed at 4.05pm

### 1. Apology

Resolved COM/2015/001

***THAT an apology be received and accepted from Councillor Acland.***

Peters / Noonan

Carried

### 2. Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

### 3. Interests

There were no updates to the Interests Register, and no interests with items on the agenda were declared.

### 4. Public Forum

There was no public forum.

## GOVERNANCE

### 5. Nelson City Council Forestry Estate Review

Document number R4173, agenda pages 5 - 17 refer.

Group Manager Strategy and Environment, Clare Barton, and Manager Environment Programmes, Dean Evans, presented the report.

In response to a question, Mr Evans said a budget review was not currently included as part of the Forestry Estate review. Ms Barton added that the Forestry Estate review could be partly funded by Project Maitai.

It was discussed that it would be beneficial to find out how much Council had invested in forestry and what returns on investment were likely to be into the future.

In response to a question in relation to the reference to the loan amount of \$2.1 million in attachment 1, Ms Barton advised that these figures still needed to be investigated.

There was a concern raised about the reference in attachment 1 to no expectation of a return on investment. Ms Barton advised the forestry infrastructure was originally established for a variety of reasons such as amenity and control of runoff.

In response to a question, Ms Barton advised that additional resources may be required if a specific skill set was needed for the review. It was noted that it would be worth speaking with consultants about forestry ownership and investments.

In response to a further question, Ms Barton clarified that the statement in 4.1.1 of the officer report was related to findings from a Cawthron Report.

In response to a question, Mr Evans advised the Forestry Estate review would be considered as part of the Nelson Plan review in relation to the land use and whether it was appropriate.

It was suggested that a commercial approach needed to be taken starting by considering why Council originally purchased the forestry land and then consider what its future use should be. It was said that there would only be three outcomes from the review, sell it, lease it, or let it regenerate.

Resolved COM/2015/002

**THAT the report Nelson City Council Forestry Estate Review (R4173) and its attachment (A1345166) be received;**

**AND THAT the Nelson City Council forestry estate review proceeds with further information being**

***gathered and a recommendation and possible actions for Nelson City Council forestry activities to be brought to the Commercial Subcommittee by August 2015.***

Peters / Noonan

Carried

## **6. Exclusion of the Public**

Resolved COM/2015/003

***THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.***

***The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:***

Noonan / Peters

Carried

<b>Item</b>	<b>General subject of each matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Particular interests protected (where applicable)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Property Assets Review</b>	Section 48(1)(a)  The public conduct of this matter would be likely to result in disclosure of information for which good reason exists under section 7	The withholding of the information is necessary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 7(2)(h) To enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities</li> </ul>

The meeting went into public excluded session at 4.28pm and resumed in public session at 5.23pm.

## **7. Re-admittance of the Public**

Resolved COM/2015/004

***THAT the public be re-admitted to the meeting.***

Murray / Peters

Carried

There being no further business the meeting ended at 5.23pm.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_ Date