

## 17. COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES - ROYAL NEW ZEALAND AIR FORCE MUSEUM

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The purpose of this report is to submit a request from the Royal New Zealand Air Force Museum for a representative of the Council to be appointed to the trust board.

The Deputy Mayor has received the following letter from the Chairman of the trust board:

*"Thank you for the time afforded by you and your colleagues to the Air Force Museum delegation last week.*

*As we discussed, ours is a major New Zealand museum with a focus on preservation and education, it is a significant contributor to the tourism and incentive travel business in Christchurch and it stands as a memorial to all those who have served in the Royal New Zealand Air Force. Because of its site, the Museum also commemorates the vision of Christchurch forefather and councillor, Sir Henry Wigram.*

*Since RNZAF Base Wigram was closed in 1995, the Museum Trust Board has been conscious that opportunities for liaison between the City and the Museum are rather more limited than previously they were. We believe it is now both timely and desirable to establish a closer relationship with the Council.*

*One way in which such a relationship could be forged is through Council representation on the RNZAF Museum Trust Board. A Council nominated appointee would be able to bring a City perspective to the Board, as most of its present members are not Christchurch residents. This would also enable the Museum to participate more fully in City initiatives and community activities.*

*The Board meets four times per year for approximately half a day so trustee duties are not too onerous.*

*I do hope the Council will be able to look favourably on this proposal and I look forward to receiving a positive response in due course."*

### COUNCIL POLICY

The Council policy relating to the appointment of Council representatives on outside bodies, adopted on 23 August 1995, is as follows:

*"That the Council appoint formal representatives on outside organisations only where the proposed appointment will be of clear public benefit **or benefit** to the Council, or where the appointment is required for statutory reasons, or under the provisions of the relevant trust deed or constitution etc of the organisation concerned."*

### CONCLUSION

It is not known if Council representation is provided for in the trust's constitution. However, as the trust has been in existence for many years and this is the first time an approach has been made in this regard it is probably reasonable to conclude that the trust's constitution does not contain such a provision. With regard to the other appointment criteria ie clear public benefit or benefit to the Council, this is a value judgement which Councillors, rather than staff should make.

#### Staff

**Recommendation:** That the Council decide whether it wishes to accept the invitation to appoint a representative to the RNZAF Museum Trust Board.

#### Chair's

**Recommendation:** For discussion.