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The purpose of this report is to:

- Seek approval for the appointment of Councillors to represent this Council at a Local Government New Zealand workshop to be held in Wellington on Thursday 28 October 1999.
- Seek confirmation of the appointment of the Legislation Subcommittee (augmented by the appointment of three further Councillors) to examine in more detail the redraft of the Act prepared by Chen and Palmer for the Auckland City Council, and consider other steps which could possibly be taken to update and consolidate the present legislation.

#### **PROPOSED WELLINGTON SEMINAR**

Local Government New Zealand has arranged a seminar in Wellington on Thursday 28 October 1999, to seek the local government sector's views on the content and shape of the new Local Government Act.

The keynote speaker will be Sir Geoffrey Palmer, who will outline the draft Local Government Act prepared on behalf of the Auckland City Council. Other speakers will be David Caygill (Buddle Findlay) and Jonathon Salter (Simpson Grierson).

Discussion groups will also be convened to examine strategic issues.

Councillors are reminded that, as this is also the date of this Council's October Council meeting, those Councillors appointed to attend the seminar will therefore be unable to attend the Council meeting.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF LEGISLATION SUBCOMMITTEE TO RE-EXAMINE DRAFT LEGISLATION, AND CONSIDER OTHER ALTERNATIVES**

At its seminar meeting on Tuesday 5 October the Council decided to appoint the Legislation Subcommittee (augmented by Councillors Booth, Wright and Buck) to carry out the following tasks, and report back to the Council:

- Examine in more detail the redraft of the Local Government Act prepared for the Auckland City Council by Chen and Palmer, to establish what amendments are needed to make it workable.
- Go back to the first principles, and establish (in liaison with other councils) how these could best be articulated in new legislation to replace the present Local Government Act and consolidate the provisions of other associated legislation administered by local government.

As the LGNZ workshop was being held on the same day as the Council meeting it was necessary for the Committee to make these appointments. The Committee appointed Councillors Harrow and Wells to represent the Council at the LGNZ workshop in Wellington.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the action taken be confirmed.
  2. That the Council confirm the appointment of the Legislation Subcommittee (augmented by Councillors Booth, Wright and Buck) to pursue the foregoing issues, and report back to the Council.