

6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND: ATTENDANCE AT FUTURE FOCUS MEETING

The Council Secretary reported that Local Government New Zealand was holding a meeting in Wellington on 22 November 2000 to consider changes to its constitution. All member authorities were invited to appoint a representative/s to provide input into the preparation of a formal discussion document which will be circulated to member authorities prior to Christmas.

As the meeting took place prior to the Council meeting the Committee made the appointments on the Council's behalf. The Committee also requested the Council representatives to seek a number of changes to the constitution as detailed below.

The Committee **decided**:

1. That changes to the constitution be supported to:
 - allow for the election of a former elected member as president
 - increase the voting power of metropolitan local authorities
 - provide for greater representation of metropolitan local authorities on the national council
2. That the Mayor and the Chairman of the Strategy and Resources Committee be appointed to attend the Wellington meeting on this Council's behalf.