

13. CANTERBURY HOCKEY FOUNDATION - APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

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The purpose of this report is to submit a request from the Canterbury Hockey Association for a representative of the Council to be appointed to the Canterbury Hockey Foundation.

BACKGROUND

At its Annual Plan meeting on 24 March 2000 the Council resolved to make an annual inflation-adjusted grant of \$80,000 to the Canterbury Hockey Association towards the replacement of the existing artificial turf surfaces at Porritt and Nunweek Parks, and the development of a second artificial turf surface at Porritt Park. The grant was conditional upon (inter alia) Canterbury Hockey forming a body or trust to control the construction and replacement of the Porritt and Nunweek Park turfs and the Council funding being paid to this body.

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To meet the above condition the Canterbury Hockey Association has set up a trust to be known as the Canterbury Hockey Foundation. The purpose of the trust is to finance, develop and maintain the artificial hockey turf surfaces and facilities at Porritt Park and Nunweek Park.

The principal objectives of the trust are:

- To apply for and receive funding from the Christchurch City Council or any other agency and to receive funds derived from any other source into a trust fund.
- To provide adequate practice, game, spectator and changing facilities at the artificial turf facilities.
- To prepare annual and long-term asset and management plans for the artificial turf facilities in consultation with Canterbury Hockey Association.
- To prepare an annual business plan to be approved by the Canterbury Hockey Association.
- To liaise with all funders and sponsors of artificial turf facilities.

The trust's constitution provides for a seven member board comprising the following:

1. Three nominees of the Canterbury Hockey Association.
2. Three nominees of the Waimairi Artificial Surface Project.
3. One nominee of the Christchurch City Council.

The Council nominee does not need to be an elected member.

It is envisaged that the board will need to meet on a quarterly basis.

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.”

PAYMENT TO MEMBERS OF BOARD

If the Council appoints an elected member as its representative on the trust board then the appointee will be entitled to be paid a daily allowance of \$145 per meeting. All other members of the board serve in a voluntary capacity.

CONCLUSION

As Council representation is provided for in the foundation's constitution the appointment complies with the Council policy governing appointments to outside bodies. It would also seem appropriate for the Council to be represented on the trust given the substantial level of funding support Canterbury Hockey receives from the Council. However, the appointee does not need to be an elected member. A Council officer or other suitable person could be appointed to represent the Council on the trust.

At the meeting, the Chairman nominated Mr Devan Menon, a former member of the executive of CHA, to serve in this capacity. Mr Menon is currently seeking the approval of his employer, Audit NZ, before accepting the appointment. A brief CV will be tabled at the meeting.

Recommendation: That, subject to his availability, the Council appoint Mr Devan Menon as its representative on the Canterbury Hockey Foundation.