

10. COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES - ORANA PARK WILDLIFE TRUST

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The purpose of this report is to submit a request from the Orana Park Wildlife Trust for a representative of the Council to be appointed to the trust.

The following letter has been received from the trust's chairman, Mr K G L Nolan:

"In late 2001, the assets and administration of the Orana Park Trust Board were transferred to a new trust, called Orana Wildlife Trust. The rationale of forming the new trust was that there were various administrative difficulties with the previous one and the Deed, as was common at the time it was prepared, did not provide for variations. As a consequence the only alternative would have been an application to the High Court with the consent of the Attorney General, the expense of which could not have been justified.

Prior to the new Deed being completed, the provision for the appointment of one Board member by the Council, was discussed with Mr David Close, the then Chairman of the Strategy and Resources Committee.

The Deed provides for one member of the Board to be appointed by the Christchurch City Council being either a Councillor or a member of the Community Board covering the area in which Orana Park is situated. The Deed also states that each such nomination is to be made in writing only after discussion between the City Council and the Chairman for the time being of Orana Wildlife Trust.

Mr Mike Wall has been a member of the Board for some years, and is now Chairman of the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board. During his time on the Orana Park Board, Mike has made a very valuable contribution and it would be my wish to see his appointment continue under the new structure. Mike has indicated his willingness to continue, and in fact has been assisting the Board since the official changeover.

It is therefore my request that Mr Mike Wall be appointed by the Council as a member of Orana Park Wildlife Trust in terms of our Trust Deed."

BACKGROUND

Several years ago the Council delegated the responsibility for making a number of appointments to outside organisations (including Orana Park Trust Board) to Community Boards. Accordingly the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board has made these appointments on behalf of the Council. As stated in the above letter, the Board's chairman, Mr Mike Wall, has served as the Council's representative on the former trust board for a number of years and is willing to continue serving in this capacity on the new trust.

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

As Council representation is provided for in the trust'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 level of funding support Orana Park Wildlife Trust receives from the Council.

- Recommendation:**
1. That Mr Mike Wall be appointed as the Council's representative on the Orana Park Wildlife Trust.
 2. That earlier authority delegated to the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board to appoint the Council representative on the trust be confirmed.