

## 10. BOARD REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to arrange for the appointment of Board representatives on several local organisations.

### SUMMARY

In accordance with past practice the opportunity is available for the Board to consider making appointments to the following:

• Aurora Centre Trust	Three representatives*
• Canterbury Neighbourhood Support Inc	One representative
• Citizens Advice Bureau, Christchurch North	One representative
• Christchurch Streets and Garden Awards Committee	One representative
• Keep Christchurch Beautiful	One representative
• Waimakariri/Eyre/Cust Rating District Liaison Committee (Environment Canterbury)	One representative

\*The Trust Deed provides for three of the seven members of the Trust Board to be appointed by the Christchurch City Council, following consultation with the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board, at least one of whom shall be a Christchurch City Councillor. The remaining trustees are appointed by the Burnside High School Board of Trustees. The deed also provides for the members of the Board appointed by the Council to:

- hold office for a term expiring on 31 October in the year of local body elections; and
- at any time to be removed by the Christchurch City Council and another person appointed in their place.

### PRESENT COUNCIL POLICY

The present Council policy governing these appointments 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.”*

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Where Board members are appointed to outside organisations, their attendance at meetings will be covered by their elected members' salary. Thus, there are no substantial financial implications, apart from the payment of mileage incurred in attending such meetings.

### COMMITTEE STRUCTURE REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE

The previous Council established the above subcommittee to make recommendations to the incoming Council on a range of governance issues, including the appointments to outside organisations.

The Subcommittee, in reviewing this issue, noted that with the reduction in the total number of Councillors, there would not be the same number of Councillors available for appointments to outside organisations as there had been in the past.

After discussion, the Subcommittee agreed that the following criteria should apply to requests for Councillors to be appointed to outside organisations:

- What is the extent of Council funding of the organisation (ongoing, significant)?
- Is there statutory provision that the appointment is compulsory?
- If appointment is requested by way of a constitution or trust deed, which is not compulsory, then the appointment needs to meet one or more of the other criteria.

- The impact or relationship with Council activities or the Council's strategic interests.
- If the appointment is to be during the establishment phase or during a crisis management phase of an organisation, therefore a fixed time only.
- That the appointment adds value as a Councillor, as distinct from any other appointee.
- That appointees, instead of Councillors, could be a Community Board member, staff (if approved by the Chief Executive) or a member of the public. In that situation, the following additional criteria could be relevant:
  - local interest in the matter
  - particular interest of a Community Board member
  - particular skills or expertise.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board decide, and/or recommend to the Council where required, appointments to the above scheduled outside organisations.

#### **Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** For discussion.