

11. NEW ZEALAND COMMUNITY BOARDS' EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS – CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

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The purpose of this report is to advise that nominations are being called for the positions of Zone 5 Representative, and Deputy, for the New Zealand Community Boards' Executive Committee. Nominations close on 17 December 2004 and any resulting elections are to be completed by the end of February 2005.

Christchurch community boards are located in Zone 5 of Local Government New Zealand's areas of representation. Yvonne Palmer is currently the Zone 5 Representative and also chairs the Executive Committee. Mike Mora is the current Zone 5 Deputy Representative.

The Executive Committee is made up of six representatives – one for each of the six geographic zones of member authorities throughout New Zealand and has the status of an advisory committee to the National Council of Local Government New Zealand.

The Executive Committee meets four times a year, usually in Wellington and its role involves:

1. Providing advice to the National Council of Local Government New Zealand on all matters involving Community Boards.
2. Liaising between Local Government New Zealand and Community Boards to gather information on issues and matters of national interest.
3. Keeping National Council of Local Government New Zealand informed of current and future issues of concern to Community Boards that may have implications for local government generally.
4. Advising on training needs of community boards and their members that might be included in a national capacity building strategy.

Supporting information setting out the guidelines for the conduct of the election is attached.

Staff

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Board Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson, or their nominees, be authorised to consider the opportunity provided for joining with another Board(s) in nominating and/or seconding suitable member candidates for election to the positions of Zone 5 Representative, and Deputy, for the New Zealand Community Boards' Executive Committee.
 2. That the exercise of any such authorisation be reported to the Board for record purposes.