

10. CHRISTCHURCH STREETS AND GARDENS AWARDS COMMITTEE - REPRESENTATIVE

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to the appointment of a representative on the Christchurch Streets and Gardens Award Committee and to provide information on the likely time commitment required as requested at the Board meeting of 12 July 2006.
2. The Board has, together with other Community Boards traditionally had a representative on the Christchurch Streets and Gardens Award Committee.
3. At its meeting on 26 January 2005 the Board appointed Ms Linda Rutland, to this position. Ms Rutland has now, however, confirmed her wish to step down as the Board's representative and the Christchurch Beautifying Association has requested that an elected representative from the Board now be appointed to replace her.
4. Relevant Council policy in respect to appointments to outside organisations is:

"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 AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

5. Where Board members are appointed to outside organisations attendance is covered by their elected members salary and no meeting allowance is paid. There are therefore no substantial financial implications incurred in attending such meetings, apart from the payment of mileage occurred in attending such meetings.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board appoint an elected representative to the Christchurch Streets and Gardens Awards Committee.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That Yani Johanson be appointed as the Board's representative on the above committee.

BACKGROUND

6. Community Pride Garden awards were first established in 1989 to encourage civic pride and to acknowledge residential and commercial gardeners efforts in contributing to the overall image of Christchurch as the "garden city". The selection of those properties deserving an award is made by members of the Christchurch Beautifying Association, in conjunction with a Community Board member. Assessments are undertaken during the period December - February each year. The Board has traditionally had a representative on the Committee.
7. At its meeting on 26 January 2005 the Board considered its appointments to outside organisations and the Board at that time resolved to appoint Ms Linda Rutland to be its representative on the Awards Committee. Linda has confirmed she no longer wishes to carry on in this position. In addition the Christchurch Beautifying Association has recently written requesting the appointment of an elected representative from the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board on the Awards Committee.
8. This matter was considered at the meeting of the Board held on 12 July 2006 where a decision on this item was deferred to allow for additional information to be obtained on the time requirement required of an appointee. The Chairman of the Christchurch Streets and Garden Awards Committee, Mr Peter Berry, has advised that the normal time requirement for an appointee would involve attendance at two meetings per annum, held in May/June and September/October each year, at 3pm on a Friday, and lasting approximately two hours. In addition an invitation would be extended to the Board's representative to attend, for either a half day or full day, during the period December to February when gardens are being judged.