

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

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. 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 15 December 2010 and any resulting elections are to be completed by the end of February 2011.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Christchurch Community Boards are located in Zone 5 of Local Government New Zealand's areas of representation. Yvonne Palmer (former Chair and member of the Shirley/Papanui Community Board) is currently the Zone 5 Representative. Mike Mora is the current Zone 5 Deputy Representative.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Supporting information setting out the guidelines for the conduct of the election is **attached**.
6. It is proposed that Community Board Chairs discuss the issue of Zone 5 representation at their first meeting in December 2010 with a view to agreeing on a Zone 5 Representative and Deputy, after receiving feedback from members of their respective Boards on this issue.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. From time to time there may be costs associated with travel and accommodation for attendance at Zone 5 meetings. These costs will be minimal and can be absorbed within the budgets for elected member representation as outlined on page 159 of the LTCCP.
8. Council funding is not required.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?

9. Not applicable.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

10. The Community Boards' Executive Committee is as an advisory body that represents the interests of Community Boards through its role as advocate and leader. The staff recommendation requires the appointed representative to report back to the Board any actions taken under the delegated authority conferred.

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

11. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?

12. Not applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

13. Not applicable.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

14. Not applicable. This report is going to all Community Boards for consideration.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That the Board Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson, or their nominees, be authorised to consider the opportunity provided for joining with another Christchurch 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.
- (b) That the exercise of any such authorisation be reported to the Board for record purposes.