7. COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS: CHRISTCHURCH CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARADE TRUST

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The purpose of this report is to seek a decision on the question of appointing a replacement Council representative on the Christchurch Children's Christmas Parade Trust.

Councillor Carole Evans was initially appointed as the Council's representative on the trust. However, Councillor Evans has been unable to attend meetings of the trust owing to a clash with another regular commitment.

The trust has therefore written to the Mayor inviting the appointment of a replacement Council representative, to serve both as a trustee, and as a member of the working committee which oversees the actual running of the Christmas Parade. A former Council representative (Newton Dodge) filled both roles.

The trustees meet approximately three times during the year. The working committee usually has approximately six meetings a year, plus two or three informal meetings in the weeks leading up to the parade.

A decision is sought as to whether the Council wishes to appoint an elected member to replace Councillor Evans at this stage in the Council term, or to leave the decision on the appointment to the incoming Council.

Committee

Recommendation: That the decision on the appointment be considered by the incoming

Council, having regard to the previous report on governance issues and the need to review the appointment of Councillors to outside organisations.