

13. CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE - TRAFINZ

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PROPOSAL/PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to seek confirmation from the Council to the appointment of an elected representative to replace former Councillor Denis O'Rourke on the TRAFINZ Executive.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TRAFINZ (New Zealand Local Authority Traffic Institute) exists to represent local authorities' views on road safety and traffic management in New Zealand. It lobbies government to influence decision-making on road safety and traffic issues and also acts as a forum for collectively pursuing traffic issues of interest to TLAs and provides for the sharing of information and advice.

The organisation has a voluntary executive of 15 Councillors and staff who are elected at an annual conference. The Committee advocates directly on issues to government ministers, select committees and government agencies such as the LTSA, Ministry of Transport and Police etc.

Former Councillor, Denis O'Rourke, served as the Christchurch City Council representative on the Executive of TRAFINZ but has now formally resigned following the October 2004 elections. It is desirable that he be replaced by a Councillor nominated by the Christchurch City Council and this view is also held by TRAFINZ. It should be noted that all other large urban TLAs in New Zealand are represented on the Committee and that Christchurch would be an exception if it were not.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

There will be a cost to the Council for travel costs as the committee normally meets approximately seven or eight times per annum in Wellington (together with some two to three teleconferences per annum of 30-40 minutes duration). The estimated annual costs for travel associated with an appointment would be in the region of \$1,500-\$2,000 per annum and would be met from existing budgets. There are no known legal implications.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Council:

- (a) Nominate one member to be its representative on the Executive of TRAFINZ to replace former Councillor, Denis O'Rourke.