

11. APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE ON PEGASUS HEALTH COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the appointment of a Mayoral representative on the Pegasus Health Community Advisory Board.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. During the past four years, the former Deputy Mayor (Lesley Keast) has served as the Mayor's representative on the Pegasus Health Community Advisory Board.
3. The General Manager of Pegasus Health (Mr Baden Ewart) advises that the Board's current terms of reference provide for the appointment of a Mayoral representative. Mr Ewart further advises that Mrs Lesley Keast has done an outstanding job as a member of the board.
4. Mr Ewart requests that the Council either confirms Mrs Lesley Keast as the Mayor's representative, or nominates a new representative with the relevant skills and capacity to assist in the deliberations of the Advisory Board.
5. Mr Ewart advises that the person appointed would need to have the following skills:
 - Understand a wide range of community views;
 - Access to and contact with a wide range of community networks;
 - Interest in health and disability;
 - A non political approach to community, health and disability issues;
 - A sense of social justice; and
 - Ability to make difficult choices in the face of limited budgets

PRESENT COUNCIL POLICY

6. The present Council policy governing the appointment of representatives on outside organisations is as follows:

"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 IMPLICATIONS

7. Where Councillors and Community Board members are appointed to outside organisations, their attendance at meetings is covered by their elected members' salary, and meeting fees do not apply. Thus, there are no substantial financial implications, apart from the payment of mileage incurred in attending such meetings.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Council either:

- (a) Reappoints Mrs Lesley Keast as the Mayor's representative on the Pegasus Health Community Advisory Board; or
- (b) Appoints a new representative with the required skills and capacity, as set out in this report.