

8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND: LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT ROAD SHOW

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the appointment of a Council representative or representatives to attend a meeting being held by Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) to discuss possible changes to the Local Government Act 2002 and the Local Electoral Act 2001.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Both the Local Government Act 2002 and the Local Electoral Act 2001 will be reviewed by the Local Government Commission in 2007. The National Council of Local Government New Zealand has organised a series of meetings in the main centres, to enable individual local authorities to contribute to the development of a comprehensive sector position on the review.
3. The subcommittee established by LGNZ for this purpose will be visiting Christchurch on Thursday 21 September 2006, when a full day hearing will be held at the Council's Beckenham Service Centre starting at 9.30am, and continuing until 3.30pm.
4. The hearing will provide an opportunity for this Council (and other Canterbury Councils) to contribute to the development of a whole of local government approach to the review, and influence the legislative review process. LGNZ is keen to talk to as many elected members and Council officials as possible.
5. Although the Christchurch City Council will be holding its weekly Council meeting on the morning of Thursday 21 September 2006, it is expected that the Council meeting will finish in time for representatives of this Council to make submissions to the LGNZ Subcommittee at Beckenham in the afternoon, and it is therefore recommended that two Councillors (who will be briefed beforehand by the relevant staff) be appointed to make submissions on behalf of the Council.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. There are no financial implications. As the second largest local authority in New Zealand, it is important for this Council to make its views known to LGNZ on possible future amendments to the legislation.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council appoint two members to make submissions to the LGNZ Subcommittee at the meeting to be held at the Beckenham Service on Thursday 21 September 2006.