

11. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON RICCARTON BUSH TRUST



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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the appointment of two further Council representatives on the Riccarton Bush Trust.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Currently (on the basis of a Council resolution at its 10 February and 3 March 2005 meetings), the following persons serve as the Council's representatives on the Trust:

Councillor Pat Harrow
Councillor Bob Shearing
Mr Neville Bennett (Member, Riccarton/Wigram Community Board)
Mr Mike Mora (Member, Riccarton/Wigram Community Board)

3. Under the present provisions of the Riccarton Bush Act 1914, the Council is required to appoint six members of the Trust. Thus, the appointment of two further members is required.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

4. The Riccarton Bush Act 1914 requires the appointment of six Council representatives to the Riccarton Bush Trust. However, there is no requirement that the persons appointed be Councillors.
5. The Trust has previously advised that the number of City Council representatives could be reduced from six to four members in total and it was on this advice that the Council at its February 2005 meeting appointed a representative. As a result of legal advice obtained by the Trust following the February 2005 meeting the Trust has requested the Council to appoint a further two representatives.
6. The Trust intends pursuing an amendment to the Riccarton Bush Act to permit such a reduction in the number of City Council representatives to four. In the meantime, the Trust requests the appointment of two further representatives, to bring the Council's representation up to the full complement of six.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. Where Councillors are appointed to outside organisations, their attendance at meetings is covered by their elected members' salary, and meeting fees do not apply. Should the Council appoint representatives who are not elected members, no meeting fees or other payments can be made to the persons concerned. Thus, the appointment of two further representatives will not result in any additional expenditure.

SUGGESTED APPOINTEES

8. The Trust recommends that the following persons be appointed as the Council's two remaining representatives:
 - Mrs Pam Wilson, Heritage Adviser (Registrations), NZ Historic Places Trust
 - Mr Tony Gemmill, the Trust's Special Projects Officer
9. Previously, the Council's practice was to appoint three of the representatives (one of which was nominated by the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board) with the remaining three representatives being nominated by the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board. Thus, in the past these two vacancies would have been filled by a Councillor and a Community Board member.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council appoint two further representatives on the Riccarton Bush Trust.