

16. GREATER CHRISTCHURCH URBAN DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY - CHAIRPERSON

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for Councillor Bob Parker to retain his role as independent chair of the Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy Forum.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. In March 2003 the Council adopted the Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy terms of reference; the governance arrangements for the strategy proposed establishing a Forum with 14 elected members from the partner councils and nine representatives from key stakeholders. Christchurch City Council has four elected representatives on the Forum. Following the 2004 local government elections Councillors Broughton, Buck, Shearing and Wells were elected to the Forum although Councillors Wells and Buck had also been Forum members prior to that time.
3. Prior to the merger of Christchurch City and Banks Peninsula Councils, Councillor Bob Parker was chair of the Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy Forum in his capacity as mayor of Banks Peninsula District. With the merger of Christchurch City and Bank Peninsula Councils, Councillor Parker's role in the of the Forum needs to be formally reviewed.
4. Councillor Parker has been involved in the Strategy since project inception and has been Chair of the Forum since November 2004. He has been spokesperson on the strategy during the consultation on options and subsequent feedback. The strategy preparation phase is about to commence and there are significant benefits to project success for the current chairperson arrangements to remain including:
 - Knowledge and understanding of the project
 - Consistent spokesperson and 'public face' for the Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy
 - Forum member relationships
 - Partner Council relationships
5. As Councillor Parker's previous mandate for being on the Forum has lapsed (ie, as a Banks Peninsula District Council representative) the Council now needs to consider his future role. The Forum is currently a mixture of Council, stakeholders and interest group representatives, so a Council connection is not considered a prerequisite for having membership of it. The preferred option is to establish Councillor Parker as an independent Chairperson, either until the end of the Council term or for the duration of the Urban Development Strategy project. In either case it is necessary for the Council to adopt a position on the role and to recommend an appropriate arrangement to the Forum.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. There are no financial and legal considerations

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- (a) The Council endorse Councillor Bob Parker's role as the independent chair of the Urban Development Strategy Forum for the remainder of the current Council term.
- (b) The Christchurch City Council recommend to the Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy Forum that Councillor Parker be confirmed as an independent Chairperson of the Forum until the completion of the 2004-2007 Council triennial term.