

9. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATION TO OUTSIDE BODIES

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the appointment of the Council's representatives to the organisations listed in the schedule to be separately tabled.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Council has previously appointed a number of representatives to outside organisations. In the 2004/05 term it appointed 50 representatives to some 35 organisations. Present Council policy governing such appointments is:

"That the Council appoint formal representatives on outside organisations only where the proposed requirement will be of clear public benefit, or benefit the Council, or if the appointment is required for statutory reasons, or under the provisions of the relevant trust deed or constitution, etc., of the organisation concerned."

3. The need for the Council to make such appointments arises from several requirements:

- (a) There are a number of organisations such as the:

- McLean Institute
- Orton Bradley Park Trust
- Riccarton Bush Trust
- Summit Road Protection Authority,

where the Council has a statutory obligation to appoint representatives. These do not, however, in all cases need to be elected representatives.

- (b) In other cases the trust deed of the organisation, or its constitution, provides that a Christchurch City Council Councillor be appointed, ie:

- The Arts Centre of Christchurch Foundation
- Canterbury Museum Trust Board
- Canterbury Sport Foundation
- Canterbury West Coast Sports Trust
- Music Centre of Christchurch Trust
- Orana Wildlife Trust

- (c) The trust deed or constitution of the organisation provides for a Council appointee but this does not have to be a Councillor. A number of organisations fall into this category:

- Age Concern Canterbury Inc*
- Avon Heathcote Estuary Ihutai Trust
- Christchurch Civic Music Council
- Christchurch Garden City Trust
- Christchurch Heritage Trust
- Creative Industries Trust
- Kate Sheppard Memorial Award Trust
- Creative Industries Trust
- Nga Hau E Wha National Marae Trust Board Charitable Trust
- Summit Road Protection Advisory Committee
- Terranova Charitable Trust
- Theatre Royal Charitable Trust

* Note: No appointment was made to Age Concern Canterbury Inc in the previous term of the Council and it is understood that their constitution is now being rewritten. No appointment is therefore suggested at this time.

(d) The remaining category is organisations where it is not a constitutional requirement that there be a Council representative. The Council has, however, made appointments in the past to these organisations as this has complied with its policy. Such organisations are:

- Canterbury Hockey Foundation
- Christchurch Olympic City Committee
- RNZAF Museum Trust Board

4. In addition to the above it is necessary for the Council to review/appoint representatives to the following:

- Canterbury Development Corporation Trust (CDC Trust) – one member

The CDC Trust is responsible for the appointment of directors to the Board of the Canterbury Development Corporation and for holding the shares in the Corporation.

- Destination Christchurch Trust – one member

Destination Christchurch Trust likewise holds the shares in Canterbury Marketing Ltd and also appoints the directors. Both Trusts meet only two – three times per year.

- Keep Christchurch Beautiful – one Councillor

The Council adopted a MOU with Keep Christchurch Beautiful on 30 November 2006 which provides that it will appoint a Councillor to the Keep Christchurch Beautiful Committee in addition to the representative appointed by each Community Board.

- Local Government New Zealand Zone 5 – five representatives

Local Government New Zealand Zone 5 covers the territorial local authorities from Nelson to Westland/MacKenzie and provides a means for input from the Christchurch City Council to Local Government New Zealand on matters relating to TLA's in New Zealand.

- TRAFINZ (New Zealand Local Authority Traffic Institute) – one representative

TRAFINZ exists to represent TLAs views to Government on road safety and traffic issues and act as a forum for sharing information. It advocates directly to the Government and Government agencies .

5. A schedule showing the organisations to which representatives were appointed in the previous term of the Council and to which it is proposed appointments be made, will be tabled at the meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. Where Councillors are appointed to outside organisations, their attendance to meetings will be covered by the 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.

7. In the case of staff, attendance of such meetings are covered either by their salaries or in the case of some meetings held outside normal working hours remuneration will be in accordance with the provisions of the relevant industrial agreement or contract. The cost to the Council will not be significant. Private individuals representing the Council on outside bodies are not paid for their services.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

8. Covered by existing unit budgets.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

9. The Council has a statutory obligation to appoint representatives to three of the organisations listed. The Council has the authority to make appointments to other outside bodies either as provided for by their constitutions or at their request.

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

10. Yes, see above.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

11. Page 111 of the LTCCP, level of service under democracy and governance refers.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?

12. As above

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

13. Not applicable.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

14. Not applicable.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

15. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council:

- (a) Continue its association with the organisations listed in the schedule to be separately circulated, with the proviso that the representation be reassessed if the circumstance of any organisation changes.
- (b) That the persons listed in the schedule be appointed to represent the Council in the organisations shown with effect from 1 January 2008.
- (c) That, where no specific person is proposed, the Council decide at the present meeting which person/s are to be appointed in respect to the affected organisation.