

15. COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON ORANA PARK WILDLIFE TRUST



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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To submit for the Council's approval a request that Mr Mike Wall be reappointed for a further term as the Council's representative on the Orana Park Wildlife Trust.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The following letter has been received from Mr Kerry Nolan on behalf of the Trust:

"As you may be aware, the Board of the Trust includes one person to be appointed by the Christchurch City and another to be appointed by the Mayor, both for terms of two years.

The terms of the current appointees, namely Mike Wall and Paul Fitzharris, have expired and it would be appreciated if you could set in train the necessary steps for appointments to be made for a further period. To tie in with the annual cycle of the Park the new appointments would expire on 30 September 2008.

Both Mike Wall and Paul Fitzharris have made very substantial contributions to the operations at Orana Park and it would give me very great pleasure if it would be possible for them both to be reappointed".

3. As Mr Fitzharris was appointed by the Mayor, it will be up to the Mayor to decide on his reappointment for a further term.
4. Several years ago the Council delegated the responsibility for making a number of appointments to outside organisations (including the Orana Park Trust Board) to Community Boards. Pursuant to this delegation, the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board formerly appointed the Council's representative on behalf of the Council. However, this delegation was not renewed following the 2004 elections, and the reappointment or otherwise of Mr Mike Wall for a further term will therefore require the Council's approval. Mr Wall has served as the Council's representative on both the former and the present Orana Park Trust Board for a number of years, and is willing to continue serving in this capacity.

COUNCIL POLICY

5. The Council policy relating to the appointment of Council representatives on outside bodies, adopted on 23 August 1995, 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 AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. The appointment of a Council representative is provided for in the Trust's constitution, and the proposed appointment thus complies with the Council's policy covering appointment to outside bodies.
7. There are no financial implications for the Council relating to the appointment proposed.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Mr Mike Wall be reappointed as the Council's representative on the Orana Park Wildlife Trust Board, for a further term expiring on 30 September 2008.