


8. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY PRINCIPAL RURAL FIRE OFFICERS



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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the appointment of two Deputy Principal Rural Fire Officers.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Council at its meeting on 22 October 1997 appointed Mr Paul N Devlin and Warren P Hunt as Deputy Principal Rural Fire Officers for the City of Christchurch and Bottle Lake and Chaney's Rural Fire District pursuant to Section 13 of the Forrester and Rural Fires Act 1977.
3. The Forest and Rural Fires Act Regulations 2005 now provides under Regulation 38(3)(c) that the warrants of appointment for Principal Rural Fire Officers and Rural Fire Officers are in force for ten years, or until the person ceases to be an officer, whichever is the earlier.
4. There is now the need to re-appoint Paul N Devlin and Warren P Hunt as Deputy Principal Rural Fire Officers pursuant to Section 13 of the Forest and Rural Fires Act 1977. It is recommended that each be appointed as Deputy Principal Rural Fire Officers for the City of Christchurch.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. There are no increased financial implications in this process; it is simply complying with the status quo.

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

6. Yes.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. As well as the Forrester and Rural Fires Act 1977 (being the principal Act relating to these appointments) there are additional provisions in the following legislation:
 - (a) Forest and Rural Fires Legislations 2005
 - (b) Fire Service Act 1975

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

8. Yes. The Council must comply with the provision of the Forest and Rural Fire Act 1977 and Forest and Rural Fire Regulations 2005.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

9. Yes. LTCCP 99 Civil Defence and Rural Fire Civil Defence. The Council participates in the Canterbury Emergency Management Group as well as providing a response to rural fires in its area of jurisdiction.

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

10. Yes.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

11. Yes.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

12. Yes.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

13. Not required.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That pursuant to Section 13 of the Forest and Rural Fires Act 1977 Paul N Devlin and Warren P Hunt each be appointed as Deputy Principal Rural Fire Officers for the City of Christchurch for a period of ten years, or until the person ceases to be an officer pursuant to Regulation 38(3)(c).