


18. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CANTERBURY REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE



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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the nomination of an alternate to the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee (RTC).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. At the Council meeting on 24 July 2008 the Council resolved *to appoint the Mayor to the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee* (RTC). At that meeting the Council sought advice from Environment Canterbury as to whether or not alternates were able to be appointed.
3. Environment Canterbury has since received a legal opinion from its in-house solicitor which stated "there is no provision for alternates at all, either under the Land Transport Management Act 2003 (as amended) or the Local Government Act 2002". However, Environment Canterbury has also received advice from the Ministry of Transport that alternates are acceptable for the New Zealand Transport Agency and local authority members of the RTC, but not community representatives.
4. As a result, at its meeting on 21 November, the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee resolved that only the regional council, territorial local authorities and the NZTA may each nominate an alternate to the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee for approval by Environment Canterbury. The minutes from this meeting are being considered by Environment Canterbury at its meeting on 11 December. Therefore, this report seeks a nomination of a Council alternate to the RTC.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. There are no financial implications.

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

6. Not applicable.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

7. There are no legal implications.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

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

8. Not applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

9. Not applicable.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

10. Not required.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council nominate an alternate representative to the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee.