9. VENUE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT – APPOINTMENT OF A LIAISON GROUP

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The purpose of this report is to confirm the appointment of three Council representatives to the liaison group provided for under management contract with NCC (New Zealand) Ltd to replace the members appointed during the last term of Council.

BACKGROUND

At the time of negotiating the management contract with NCC (New Zealand) Ltd, provision was made for a liaison group to be formed with representatives from both organisations. It was recognised that there are times when informal discussions are useful when agreeing on such issues as community access and preferential hire rates, sensitive issues relating to staff and procedures and to give the venue manager the opportunity to get initial feedback on new initiatives and problem areas.

During the last term of Council the three representatives were the Chairperson of the Community Services Committee, Garry Moore and Councillors Anderton and Stewart from that committee.

NCC will report to the Strategy and Resources Committee during this term of Council under the broad economic development heading and it is appropriate to identify new members to fill the liaison positions from this committee.

The liaison group is likely to meet on 4-6 occasions annually for a maximum of 2 hours. Previous meetings have been worthwhile with open discussion helping to clarify positions and expectations and enabling both organisations' points of view to be taken into account.

The group would also consider the matter of sourcing and presentation of local artworks at the facilities.

Recommendation: That the Chairman of the Strategy & Resources Committee and two other Councillors be appointed to the liaison group to meet with NCC (New Zealand) Ltd.

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Recommendation: That the NCC Liaison Working Party comprise the Chairman of the Strategy and Resources Committee and Councillors Crighton and Stewart.