

6. CANTERBURY VOLUNTEER CENTRE – REPRESENTATION ON BOARD

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee on the request for elected member representation on the Board of the Canterbury Volunteer Centre.

An approach has been made, via the Mayor, for a representative on the Board of the Centre, which acts as a broker organisation between people wishing to donate their time on a voluntary basis and community organisations. In addition it also provides networking, job training and skills enhancement to volunteers from community groups.

The organisation is regarded well within Christchurch and both the Mayor and Chair of the Community Services Committee, Councillor Carole Anderton, support appointment of an elected member to their Board. This would provide direct contact at this level and allow for information sharing between the Committee and Board.

In December 1998 the Council reviewed its representation on outside organisations in view of the concerns expressed at the costs involved in terms of members time and meeting allowances. It decided to continue its representation on some 25 external organisations of which only about four could be considered to be classified as primarily welfare agencies.

As agreed at the December 1998 Council meeting payment for attendance at meetings of outside organisations may be claimed at the Community Board member rate of \$145.00 per meeting when representation is approved by Council.

If the Committee agrees to this request it may consider a review of the relationship be specified to be undertaken at a later date.

Recommendation: For discussion.

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Recommendation: That Councillor Erin Baker be appointed as a Christchurch City Council representative on the Board of the Canterbury Volunteer Centre.