

11. MEMBERSHIP OF THE NEW ZEALAND BOARD OF SISTER CITIES

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The purpose of this report is to seek the endorsement of the Community Services Committee to nominate a staff member for a position on the New Zealand Board of Sister Cities (Inc).

BACKGROUND

The New Zealand Board of Sister Cities (Inc) is the national body of Sister Cities in New Zealand. The Board membership is made up of Councillors, sister city committee members and senior staff from a number of New Zealand local governments. A representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade is appointed to the Board.

Councillor Pat Harrow has represented Christchurch City Council and the central South Island region during the last year (March 1998 – December 1998). Councillor Harrow resigned from the Board in December 1998. Councillor David Buist represented Christchurch and the region for a total of three years prior to Councillors Harrow's election.

The New Zealand Board of Sister Cities is seeking nominations for its annual elections to be held during the AGM in Hastings on 26 March 1999.

THE NEW ZEALAND BOARD OF SISTER CITIES

The role of the New Zealand Board of Sister Cities is to assist local governments entering into Sister City commitments through the provision of information, advice on appropriate organisational issues, recommendations on protocol issues and support in developing contacts internationally. The organisation is an incorporated society.

Present membership of the Board is as follows:

- 1 Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade Representative
- 1 Youth delegate
- 4 Local Government elected members
- 4 Sister City Committee members
- 1 Local Government Staff member

Upon Councillor Harrow's resignation from the Board, he requested that a Christchurch sister city staff member fill his position until the next Annual General Meeting (26 March 1999). Dave Adamson has represented Christchurch in that position. The only other representation from the South Island, since Councillor Harrow's resignation, has been a sister city committee member from Timaru.

The value that Dave Adamson has given to the Board is to provide an experienced sister city staff perspective. The benefit to Christchurch of his continuing involvement would be to keep Christchurch abreast of future trends and developments in sister cities nationally.

I would seek the Committee's endorsement to nominate Dave Adamson as a representative for the 1999-2000 year. Dave would be providing a staff perspective and not seeking to represent a Christchurch City Council view.

Costs for a representative from Christchurch are included in the budget.

Recommendation: That Dave Adamson be endorsed as a nomination for the New Zealand Board of Sister Cities for the 1999/2000 year.

Chairman's

Recommendation: Not seen by Chairman.