

13. CANTERBURY TOURISM COUNCIL LTD –
APPOINTMENT OF REPLACEMENT DIRECTOR

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The purpose of this report is to seek the nomination of another Councillor to replace the Chairman of the Strategy & Resources Committee as a Council nominated Director of Canterbury Tourism Council Ltd.

This company was formed in 1998 following discussions with the visitor industry and other interested parties on the future direction and the operations of the organisation to be established to assume the functions of the former Canterbury Tourism Council, in recognition of the fact that the organisation required a more businesslike approach to its operations, to meet the challenges facing the tourism and visitor industry.

The company's constitution provides that one third of the Directors will be persons nominated by the Christchurch City Council. In July, 1998 the Council adopted a resolution providing for the appointment of two Trustees who would in turn appoint an additional two Trustees from outside the Council, to select the Board of the new company. Subsequently the Council resolved in August 1998 to nominate the following persons for possible appointment as Directors:

- The Chairman of the Canterbury Development Corporation, as the Council's principal economic development and employment agency.
- The Chairman of the Strategy & Resources Committee, as the Chairman of the Committee with responsibility for the Council's long term strategy.
- The Mayor, to give a higher profile to the Board.
- The Chairman of Christchurch International Airport Ltd, this being the Council owned entity with the most stake in a successful visitor industry.

Two of these persons were subsequently appointed as Directors by the Trustees, being the Mayor and the Chairman of the Strategy & Resources Committee.

The Chairman of the Strategy & Resources Committee has since indicated that he wishes to retire as a Director in favour of Councillor Erin Baker, in view of his existing commitments, and Councillor Baker's experience in promotional activities. Should Councillor Baker be nominated in place of Councillor Close, her appointment as a Director would continue until 30 June 2000.

Recommendation: That the Council recommend to the Trustees that Councillor Erin Baker be appointed in place of Councillor David Close as a Director of Canterbury Tourism Council Ltd for the remainder of the current term expiring on 30 June 2000.

Chairman's Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.