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The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Committee to the appointment of an additional member to the Housing Working Party.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting on 23 November 1999 Council approved the establishment of a Housing Working Party consisting of the Chairman of the Community Services Committee, Councillor Carole Anderton, the Mayor, and Councillors Lesley Keast, Sally Thompson and Barbara Stewart.

The terms of reference for the working party were:

- *To consider and make recommendations on housing policy development and such housing initiatives as may be proposed from time to time.*
- *To review and update as necessary the current Council Housing Policy registers.*
- *To review the schedule of policy initiatives as agreed by the previous Council and recommend processes to further develop those policies along with a list of priorities and a time frame.*
- *To review housing policy guidelines of similar sized local authorities in New Zealand and initiatives by overseas authorities, eg Vancouver and in Denmark.*
- *To consider and review specific Council housing initiatives as approved or proposed from time to time*
- *To consider the degree of consultation appropriate for all of the above matters (bearing in mind the Council's policy of seeking community views) and recommend a consultation plan for each significant issue"*

ADDITIONAL MEMBER

Experience has shown that as a consequence of the demands on the time of elected representatives meetings of the working party have been attended by only two or three Councillors. It is desirable therefore to appoint an additional member and Councillor David Close has indicated his agreement to serve in this regard. It is anticipated that this should ensure a fuller representation at future meetings.

Recommendation: That Councillor David Close be appointed as an additional member of the Housing Working Party.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.