

3. EXTRAORDINARY VACANCY

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Board of the need for it to appoint a replacement member, to fill an extraordinary vacancy arising from the resignation of David Dobbie as an elected member representing the Burwood Ward. The resignation was effective from 1 March 2001, being the date on which it was lodged with the City Manager.

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

An extraordinary vacancy in respect of an elected member of a Community Board should be filled in all cases. There is no power to hold a by-election. The vacancy is filled through the appointment of a new member by the remaining Board members. The Board should act responsibly in carrying out this duty, but it is under no obligation to select the new appointee from previous candidates. Public notice is not required and a majority vote at an ordinary meeting of the Board suffices for the appointment of a new member.

Although the new member must be enrolled as a parliamentary elector, it is not necessary that he or she is so enrolled in either of the two wards forming the community, or even within Christchurch City.

A legal opinion from the Legal Services Manager is attached, elaborating on the Board's legal position in relation to the filling of the vacancy.

UNSUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES AT 1998 ELECTIONS

The following is a list of the unsuccessful candidates for election as Burwood Ward members of the Board at the 1998 elections:

Candidates	Votes Received
Anne McCormack	3,761
Bob Andrews	2,860
Jeremy O'Dowd	2,465
Keith Mackay	2,363
David East	1,641
Bill Morgan	1,449

Recommendation: That the Board:

1. Receive for information the resignation of Mr David Dobbie as a member of the Board and note that an extraordinary vacancy on the Board occurred on 1 March 2001.
2. Appoint a new member to fill the extraordinary vacancy arising from David Dobbie's resignation.

Chairperson's

- Recommendations:**
1. That recommendation 1 be adopted.
 2. That the Board resolve to fill the vacancy by appointing Anne McCormack as a member of the Board.