

33. COMMUNITY FUNDING COMMITTEE – MEMBERSHIP REVIEW

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Each term the Board is required to address the matter of membership of its Community Funding Committee which, annually, distributes funding provided through the Hillary Commission, and Council funding allocated as part of a Community Development Scheme.

At the commencement of each term the Board is required to appoint Board members to the Committee and, later in the term, to appoint community representatives. During the past three years the Committee has had a composition of 5 Board members and 5 community representatives.

As a result of a recent review into the Community Funding process an opportunity has been identified to split the Hillary Commission and Community Development functions, with each set of funding applications being “administered” by a smaller Committee i.e. a separate Committee for each function.

This proposal acknowledges the opportunity for the community representatives to serve on the Hillary Commission (sport and recreation), or Community Development, smaller Committees. This is a process that has been in vogue for some years as far as the Council’s Metropolitan Funding Committee is concerned.

To test the proposal, enquiries have been made of the current community representatives, and general agreement has been reached as to the idea of “matching” background and expertise to either of the two new Committees.

To match the reduced number of community representatives on each of the split Committees it is now only necessary for three Board members to sit on the Funding Committee.

This will provide for the three Board members to join with three community representatives to consider the Hillary Commission applications, and with three community representatives to consider the Community Development applications. This arrangement includes acknowledgement of one community representative in the current term who has the appropriate background as a “community” person (to serve on the Community Development section of the assessments), while also qualifying as the tangata whenua representative required for the Hillary Commission section of the assessments.

Recommendation: That the Board appoint three representatives to serve on the Community Funding Committee for the new term.